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Italian finance minister resigns

ROME (R) - Italian Finance Minister Franco Reviglio resigned Tuesday after magistrates warned him he was being investigated on suspicion of corruption, his spokesman said. Milan magistrates had warned Mr. Reviglio earlier Tuesday that he was suspected of receiving stolen goods while he was chairman of the state energy firm ENI from 1983 to 1989. The spokesman said Mr. Reviglio, a Socialist, resigned in a letter to Prime Minister Giuliano Amato. The magistrates warning to Mr. Reviglio-follows revelations by his successor at ENI, Gabriele Cagliari, that the firm made illegal payments to the Christian Democrat and Socialist parties. Mr. Reviglio at the time denied any involvement. Mr. Reviglio ccame the lifth minister in Mr. Amato's government to step down after official warning about investigations into Italy's growing corruption

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demands from Israeli hardliners to scrap it.

Mr. Rabin went on Israel Television to tell his people: "I understand the pain, the worry, the rage. We are indeed going through a difficult period of escalating Palestinian terrorism."

Mr. Rabin announced he had ordered the army reinforced in the occupied territories, and

"From tomorrow, there will be no Palestinians from the (occupied) territories on the sovereign territory of Israel until further notice.

Palestinians, 26 of whose people have been killed this month, said the tough measure of sealing the occupied territories and barring 120,000 Palestinians from their jobs in Israel would damage peace prospects.

Police said highway patrolmen Mordechai Yisrael, 35, and Daniel Hazut, 32, were found

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### Jordan to seek more active European role

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

White Philips AMMAN — Jordan is expected to emphasise the need for israel's adherence to U.N. Security d the man is Council resolutions and international legitimacy and urge a larger European role in the Middle East peace process during talks with a European Community All he wanted (EC) delegation here-Wednes-

Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber said the Kingdom would also urge fresh European inrate St. Pa tervention to bring about Israeli weeks late Council Resolution 799, which will make it "much easier" for the The Box resumption of the stalled peace that on M.E. Process.

Resolution 799 calls on Israel a control to immediately repatriate the Court by see Palestinians it expelled on Dec. ...... ruling if 17 to South Lebanon. The Jewish group to the state's refusal to comply has led and that it to the stalemate in the peace strong to tuned a sprocess, with the Palestinians re-

fusing to resume talks with Israel until the nearly 400 expellees stranded in South Lebanon are repatriated. The EC "troika" - represent-

ing the immediate past, serving and future presidencies of the 12-nation community — arrived here late Tuesday, launching a Middle East mission widely seen as an effort to revive the stalled peace process. The delegation, headed by

Foreign Minister Willy Claes of Belgium, which now holds the rotating EC presidency, is scheduled to meet Dr. Abu Jaber and other Jordanian and Palestinian officials and peace negotiators. The team includes Foreign

Minister Niels Helveg Petersen of Denmark and British Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg in addition to European Commissioner for External Relations Hans van der Broek. It will also visit Syria, Lebanon and Israel.

His Majesty King Hussein and Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker are expected to meet the resume the peace talks in delegation before its departure Wednesday afternoon. Schedules for the meetings were not final Tuesday

The EC officials will also hold talks with Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) political department, and Haidar Abdul Shafi, the chief Palestinian negotiator. The two arrived here from Damascus Tuesday,

"We (the EC) would like to extend as much support as possi-ble to help the (Middle East) peace process achieve its objectives," said the Belgian ambassador to Jordan. Pierre de Muelenaere, whose country is coordinating the EC mission in its capacity as the serving community president.

Dr. Abu Jaber, who attended this week's Arab coordination meeting which decided to defer the Arab response to the joint American-Russian invitation to not go to round nine, page 3

Mitterrand appoints

Washington on April 20, said Jordan would present its position to the EC delegation and reaffirm its approach to the peace process.

We entered the peace process in good faith with the objective of achieving a settlement on the basis of Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338 and 425 and international legitimacy," he said, noting that the essence of the resolutions is Israeli withdrawal from occupied Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese terri-

"We will try to impress upon the Europeans that a Middle East peace settlement has to be based on the U.N. resolutions and international legitimacy, and nothing short of that is acceptable," the minister told the Jordan

"We will also delve into the (Continued on page 5) If 'obstacles' remain, Arabs will

Senate Speaker Rene Monroy,

one of a stream of centre-right

leaders who visited the new pre-

mier, told reporters: "I hope France will be governed from the

centre. We are working on it."

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in the 577-seat National Assem-

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seek consensus despite his over-

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Mr. Mitterrand chose Mr. Bal-

### Washington confident peace talks will resume as planned

WASHINGTON (Agency) The United States said Monday that after talks with Palestinians, it was encouraged the Middle East peace talks would resume on April 20 as planned.

"All in all, we met with the Palestinians for over four hours of talks over the weekend. Consultations were useful and productive. We and the Russian cosponsors are encouraged by the prospects of resuming the ninth round of negotiations on April 20th," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said.

The four hours of meetings included a 40-minute one-on-one discussion Friday between Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Palestinian negotiator Faisal Husseini and another 30-minute session between the two men Saturday.

Other talks involved the Palestinians, other members of the U.S. "peace team" and representatives of Russia, which is co-sponsor of the peace negotiations with the United States.

Mr. Boucher said that after the meetings Mr. Christopher "sent messages to the parties and others in the region expressing the importance of making prog-ress in the Middle East talks and our expectations that the talks will soon resume.'

The Palestinian delegation to Middle East peace talks said Monday in Amman it rejected a U.S. offer of new assurances and confidence-building measures if they resume negotiations.

Spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi said a package of "conditional" "He is a man of common sense concessions, including Israel's promise to stop expulsions, was and caution who does not like confrontation and believes conmade by Mr. Christopher during flicts can be solved without a the Washington weekend talks.

' said Marie-France The package is linked to Palestinians' acceptance to attend what would be the ninth round of Little shift expected in foreign peace talks.

### No 'secrets' revealed in Cabinet-House session By Ayman Al Safadi The four-hour behind-the-Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Members of the Lower House of Parliament Tuesday downplayed the importance of the secret session which the House held with the government Monday saying that neither the topics that were discussed nor what was said about them warranted secrecy.

"There was no reason for secrecy," Deputy Fakhri Kawar told the Jordan Times Tuesday. "Nothing that was said exceeded what is already public

knowledge," said Mr. Kawar, whose view was shared by other deputies contacted by the Jordan

door-meeting discussed the government's policy on the peace process and Bosnia-Herzegovina, the Shabab Al Nafir Al Islami case and the delay in the completion of the Amman Jerash High-

Sources from the House said that Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker reiterated to deputies Jordan's commitment to a comprehensive Middle East peace on the basis of United Nations Security Council resolutions 242 and 338 and the return of all Arab territories occupied since 1967, confirming that Jordan would not go into separate peace with the Jewish state.

The sources quoted the prime

minister as saying that Jordan would not speak for the Palesti or nians or act as a substitute to the Palestine Liberation Organisa-

tion (PLO). The Palestinians will decide for themselves and Jordan will remain committed to its general principles which are based on legitimacy, one deputy quoted

the prime minister as saying. The prime minister reportedly informed deputies that Jordan had not accepted the "agenda for peace" agreement reached by Jordanian and Israeli negotiators during the sixth round of the peace talks in September last year because it did not include points

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### House thinks let bygones be bygones, but Shbeilat, Qarrash think otherwise

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — One of the last issues tackled by the Lower House of Parliament in its final days in office was arguably the most controversial that the lawmakers faced since their election in November 1989: The arrest, trial and sentencing of two of their colleagues on what amounted to sedition charges.

Crises were plenty for Jordan's 11th Parliament, and it could have done without the controversy, which, many deputies believe, was one of the inevitable hiccups of the democratisation process and is thus best forgotten and buried.

By and large, those deputies indicated that they believe that the affair was a closed file with Mittle implications for the demo-

cratisation process.
"These things happen everywhere," said one deputy, in what summed up the opinion of many of his colleagues. "After all. when there is a fast pace of democratisation in a society and apparata long unused to democracy and its workings, it is only

natural that such cases occur. "The best course is to let the past rest after learning the lessons from it rather than trying to go back and revive painful episodes," said the deputy. Needless to say this view is not

shared by the two deputies: Leith Shbeilat and Yacoub Qarrash. Mr. Shbeilat and Sheikh Qarrash, both independent members of the House advocating their own distinct brand of political Islam, have argued since their release that their trial and convic-

tion was the most important in

recent political life in Jordan. The two, who were accused of leading an underground group with the objective of toppling the monarchy and installing a caliphate-style theocracy, were handed down stiff jail sentences in November but released after a royal amnesty pardoned them.

They demanded their "right to be heard" and pressed the House for a judicial or parliamentary inquiry into the case, which, they asserted, was fabricated.

The two deputies also demanded that the government present a "comprehensive" report on the affair to Parliament, which could then institute a high-level inquiry. leaving the possibility open for the "culprits" to be brought to book.

It was no coincidence that the

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# shift policy on Iraq

dropped their insistence that President Saddam Hussein must leave power before sanctions against Iraq can be lifted, the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported Tuesday.

Reporting from the United Na-tions, the BBC World Service said diplomatic sources have confirmed the policy change. although there has been no for-

mal announcement of it. The BBC did not identify the diplomatic sources. From now on, the joint policy

will be to insist that Iraq fully comply with all U.N. resolutions. At the same time, the Security Council has decided to maintain its sweeping sanctions against

shifted away from an earlier commitment made by Prime Minister John Major in 1991 to maintain U.N. sanctions against Iraq until President Saddam leaves office.

woman made clear Britain's tough Iraqi policy — that sanctions would not be lifted until Iraq complied with all U.N. resolutions - had not changed and would not change whatever government was in power in Bagh-

In Washington, however, U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher denied any easing of U.S. policy toward President Saddam. There has been no softening and no relenting," Mr. Christopher told a senate panel. "We have not softened our position.'

He said the only tactical change adopted by the Clinton administration was to try to ensure the ouster of not only President Saddam but also those in line to

"We want to ensure his departure from power," Mr. Christopher said. In outlining U.S. policy objec-

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# U.S. seeks ban on Libyan

Mr. Christopher said the administration would push for a total oil embargo against Libya because it has refused to turn over the alleged bombers of Pan Am Flight 103.

offering intermediaries to deal with the matter. "The time has passed for that," Mr. Christopher told the Senate committee. The United Nations had im-

posed a ban on civilian aircraft flying to and from Libya but Mr. Christopher said Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi had not complied with the U.N. demand to hand over the suspects and the time had come for more international action.

Libya," he said in a move that could cause reverberations in world oil markets and also test the resolve of U.S. allies, some of which purchase large quantities tions.

of Libyan oil. "I am very frustrated with the situation," Mr. Christopher said in testifying on the Clinton administration's foreign policy. He also slammed Iran, calling

it an "international outlaw" and said U.S. allies would be encouraged to avoid any trade with Tehran. Mr. Christopher also branded

Iran as a "international outlaw" because of its attempts to acquire weapons of mass destruction and its support for what the U.S. sees as terrorism.

Mr. Christopher said the United States would do its best to block Iranian attempts to gain World Bank loans.

Their determination to acquire weapons of mass destruction leaves Iran as an international outlaw," Mr. Christopher said. "Iran does not deserve the support of the World Bank. We

are making that view known to our allies and friends," he said. The State Department Monday accused Iran of breaking an international embargo against Iraq by accepting an oil shipment from Baghdad. Iran denied the allega-

duce few amendments that might address some controversial Mr. Broush described the relation between the legislative authority and the current and former governments as excellent "when compared to what was accomplished of achievements

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... Produce militants who had killed 18 solthe state of the parties of an attack on a military hamical P APS news agency said on Tuesthan day, quoting the paramilitary gendarmerie command. Two of the 23 were killed at the

weekend and another 12 are being hunted, the gendarmerie The men attacked Bougzoul barracks, 100 kilometres south of

Algiers, on March 22, the eve of the feast of Eid Al Fitr while the troops were breaking their fast. steal arms held in the armaments magazine, benefited from the complicity of four servicemen two sub-officers and two soldiers

— to get into the barracks," the

Inside the barracks, six "terror-" — the term used to describe Muslim fundamentalists — "provided the terrorists with military uniforms. They assassinated four 1000 1000

From Wafa Amer in

Damascus

TWO ELEMENTS stood out

at the conclusion of this

week's meeting here of the

four Arab parties engaged in

peace talks with Israel: A

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Before leaving the barracks they carried out a veritable carnage: 10 servicemen were coldly assassinated and 12 others wounded in the room where they were surprised as they broke their fast. "The assailants fled, taking with them arms taken from the soldiers on guard. A truck and

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a boost for the mainstream

Palestinian leadership which

is fighting hardline, calls to-

withdraw from the peace

While reiterating their

commitment to the peace

process, the Arab foreign

ministers unanimously de-

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to invitations to attend the

ninth round of peace talks

talks.

mene as saying.

The duty officer and his deputy suffered the same fate. Afterwards, they (the attackers) gave the signal to 29 other terrorists who entered the barracks with vehicle," the gendarmerie

The attackers killed two soldiers in the communications room and destroyed the equipment before heading to the arms "After the alert, the attackers

retreated firing in all directions. two vans waited for them out-

# Balladur's cabinet

PARIS (R) - President François Mitterrand Tuesday appointed a centre-right cabinet with Gaullist Alain Juppe as foreign minister and centrists François Leotard and Edmond Alphandery holding the defence and economics port-

The Socialist head of state approved a list of ministers proposed by new conservative Prime Minister Edouard Balladur, the president's office announced.

Three of the new cabinet members received the senior rank of minister of state: Mr. Leotard, Interior Minister Charles Pasqua, Gaullist, and centrist Simone Veil, given a new portfolio combining housing, social and urban affairs.

Gaullist Nicolas Sarkozy was appointed budget minister and government spokesman, and centrist leader Pierre Mehaignerie received the justice portfolio. Centre-right European Parlia-

mentarian Alain Lamassoure was named junior minister for Euro-

Damascus talks give a shot in the Palestinian arm

scheduled for April 20 to

allow Israel to remove obsta-

cles impeding the resumption of the negotiations.
In a bid to pressure the U.S. to achieve Israeli concessions on the crisis of Palestinian expellees stranded in South Lebanon and to respect the terms of reference of the peace process, the foreign ministers of Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) kept the door open and justified floating their final decision on participating in the peace talks by saying that more time was needed to study the outcome of further

contacts with the cosponsors

"The ministers have decided to maintain an open coordination meeting awaiting the results of ongoing consultations and contacts between concerned Arab parties and the cosponsors of the peace process, aiming at removing the obstacles Israel placed in the path of peace, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa said, reading from a joint communique drafted after the two-day meetings

He said the foreign ministers will meet again at a later date in Damascus "to take the suitable decision." This was also their re-

sponse to American letters

and Lebanon on first day of the Damascus meeting urging Arabs to accept the cosponsors' invitations to attend the April 20 peace talks in Washington in exchange for American promises "to take practical measures and steps' in the peace process.

sent to Egypt, Syria, Jordan

According to Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber, the contents of the letter include American reiteration of the terms of reference of the peace process, and its recognition that there are obstacles impeding the resumption of the talks.

In the meantime, Arab (Continued on page 5)

# LONDON (Agencies) — The United States and Britain have

Iraq," the BBC said.

British Officials Tuesday

# oil, starts anti-Iran push

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Secretary of State Warren Christopher said Tuesday the United States was consulting with allies about stiffening sanctions against Libya including imposing an oil

· He accused Libya of stalling by

"I think the time has come to stiffen the oil embargo against



Atef Btoush No changes planned to election law

– Btoush By Issam Qadamani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs Atef Al Broush Tuesday affirmed that the government had not decided to introduce any changes to the parliamentary elections law.

Mr. Btoush said drafting or preparing a temporary or new

elections law was done usually by

the government which supervises

elections, since it is the one which has the authority to update and modernise legislation in a way that suits the conditions prevailing at the time of elections. Any new elections law, the minister said, should take all social and political developments into consideration, adding that

the government supervising the elections process was the one most fit to assess such developments. He said the current elections law, from the point of viewpoint of many observers, meets the needs of the status quo and the need to benefit from former ex-

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### **Amnesty International voices** concern over Israeli measures

AMMAN (J.T.) — Amnesty International, the London-based international human rights group, has voiced concern about recent measures used by the Israeli armed forces in the Gaza Strip involving the use of massive firepower against houses in which people sought for arrest are suspected to be hiding.

It expressed such concern on March 17 in a letter to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

On March 20, in Deir Al Balah up to 19 houses were destroyed or severely damaged, with four people arrested, and on March 26 in Rafah six to nine more houses were attacked, said an Amnesty Press release Tucsday.

It said: "The attacks in Deir Al Balah and Rafah in previous days were the latest instances of a practice which appears to have started in July 1992. A total of three people were reported killed and a dozen arrested, although Amnesty International does not know whether those killed or arrested were the people against whom the operations were aimed. About 100 houses are said to have been heavily damaged or fully destroyed, with hundreds of people made homeless and now living in tents provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross and the United Nations Relief and Works

"Typically, houses in which the Israeli authorities believe that suspects may be hiding are sur-rounded and their inhabitants ordered out, leaving doors and windows open. Those who come out are then detained in nearby houses for the duration of the operation, which may last several hours. The men are hand-cuffed, blind-folded and separated from the women and children. Some are interrogated and taken into detention centres afterwards. The houses are then attacked with heavy fire, including machine gun fire, grenades and anti-tank mis-

siles, causing extensive damage to structures and furniture. Soldiers subsequently enter the houses firing at any place where survivors may be hiding. The inhabitants are then left free to return to what remains of their houses.

"It appears that no attempts are first made to use less severe measures to secure the arrest of suspects. In some cases reports suggest that no adequate warning was given to those who may have been still hiding in houses before they were attacked and des-

Some of the people removed from houses have later been held for interrogation or under administrative detention orders, although it is not clear that any of them were being sought for arrest

prior to the operations.
"On Nov. 13, in Khan Younis, in an operation which started at dawn and continued for several hours, eight houses were systematically attacked, causing extensive damage to all of them. Some of the inhabitants said they were beaten while held by Israeli forces. It appears that none of the people being sought by the au-thorities were found in the

On Dec. 11 and 21, three similar attacks on 12 other homes were reported in Khan Younis and Deir Al Balah, resulting in extensive damage. One person was reportedly arrested in the context of these attacks.

"In January 1993, four similar attacks were reported in Deir Al Balah and Khan Younis on different dates. Two people apparently being sought for arrest were reportedly apprehended in the course of the attacks.

"On Feb. 11, one of the largest operations of this kind took place in Khan Younis, lasting most of the day. Up to 19 houses were systematically attacked and at least nine are now said to be uninhabitable. Reports suggest that some houses were dynamited

by soldiers after they had been fully searched. A few individuals who were being sought by the authorities were apparently

arrested. "The Israeli authorities have adopted these tactics apparently in order to protect their forces from surprise attacks by armed people hiding inside homes. The Israeli authorities, it is clear, are entitled to protect their personnel. However, Amnesty International is concerned that the current wave of house destruction appears to constitute excessive use of military force to carry out what are essentially law enforce-ment duties. Indeed, in many cases it appears that none of the people ostensibly being sought for arrest was found. These tactics, Amnesty International fears, may endanger life unnecessarily and may amount to destroying houses of innocent people as a form of collective punishment.

The Israeli authorities maintain a policy of house destruction or sealing as a punitive measure for security offences, based on British Mandate emergency leg-islation and including the possibilityof judicial review by the High Court of Justice. The new tactics in the Gaza Strip appear to be an expansion of such policy without even the possibility of judicial review. Given the number of people being sought for arrest in the Gaza Strip, such tactics may result in further massive destruction of houses and countless people being made homeless regardless of any connection with alleged offences.

"Amnesty International believes that the measures adopted by the Israeli authorities in the occupied territories should be consistent with the principles of necessary and proportionally embodied in the United Nations Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms by Law Enforcement Officials and the U.N.



Palestinian boys pass a banner showing an Arab fighter knifing the Israeli flag, reflecting a message that the Palestinians are fighting the Israeli occupation of their land and not Israeli citizens per se (AFP

Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials.

"In its letter to Prime Minister and Minister of Defence Yithzak Rabin of March 17, Amnesty International sought clarification of the criteria for the use of these tactics, including the type of offences those sought for arrest are suspected of; what level of evidence that a suspect may be in hiding in a house is required; what means short of an all-out

military attack on the houses are considered; and what measures are taken to ensure that no unnecessary loss of life or injury occurs. It also asked to be informed of the number and identity of people whose arrest was being sought and who were actually arrested, any who were killed or injured, and details of any compensation policy for those whose houses have been

# damaged or destroyed.

with Secretary-General Boutros Ghali and later hold a joint meeting with the U.N. chief.

arrangements for substantive U.N-sponsored negotiations in May between the two Cypriot leaders, aimed at reuniting Cyprus under a bicommunal, bizonal federal system. Mr. Denktash and Mr. Cler-

ides' predecessor as president. George Vassiliou, last met under the secretary-general's auspices in November.

O'Brien of New Zealand.

### Hizbollah ends sending supplies to evictees

MARI AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (R) — The pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) has stopped smuggling food to 396 Palestinian ex-pellees in South Lebanon because of a dispute among the exiles.

The banished men on their 104th day stranded in South Lebanon rejoiced Tuesday, chanting "Allahu Akbar" when they heard two Israeli policemen had been shot dead in northern Israel.

The attack coincided with the 17th anniversary of "Land Day" when Israeli Arabs and Palestinians commemorate the killing by police of six Arabs who protested against government land con-

Exiles who declined to be named said Hizbollah guerrillas stopped supplying food last week. The exiles ran out of bread on Tuesday but bought vegetables and eggs from Lebanese villagers. Security sources confirmed

Hizbollah supplies had stopped. Leaders of the exiles had rowed over how to mark the Iranian-declared "Jerusalem Day" on March 19.

Most exiles, ! followers or supporters of the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas, did not take part in a march by about 40 members or. sympathisers of the pro-Iranian Islamic Jihad movement in Palestine.

The rift widened when Sheikh Abdullah Shami, leader of Islamic exites, accused Hamas exile leader Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi of "intellectual terrorism" against his followers last week and started holding separate news

Exiles said contacts were under way to resolve the dispute and hoped the two leaders would be reconciled soon.

They said the Hizbollah move might be an attempt to force Dr. Rantisi to give Sheikh Shami a larger role in decision-making. Guerrillas smuggled food and fuel on mules to the expelices' camp between Israeli and Lebanese frontlines almost every night since the Palestinians were expelled on Dec. 17.

Hizbollah has refused to say whether it was feeding the men. accused by Israel of being linked to violent Islamic groups in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and

Gaza Strip. Speaking to reporters, Dr. Rantisi said the killing of the two Israeli policemen was "a clear message to (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin on Land Day not provide Jews with security." Israel sealed off the West Bank

after the attack. It closed off the Gaza Strip Sunday following an upsurge in Israeli-Palestinián vio-

lence. "The true battle lines were clear when Rabin began expelling Palestinians ... this is a battle of ideologies and this operation proves the Islamic movement has acceptedd the Jewish challenge against Islam and that the military operations will increase," Dr. Rantisi said.

### MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

### World Bank pushes Mideast environment programme WASHINGTON (R) - The World Bank and other international

aid agencies plan to double the size of a Mediterranean environmental programme that officials hope will act to foster regional cooperation in the potentially volatile Middle East. The scheme — called the Mediterranean Environmental Technical Assistance programme — is designed to bring together such countries as Israel, Syria and Lebanon to attack the pollution problems common to all of them. "I hope it is an example for what we can do in the future through regional cooperation," World Bank Vice-President Caio Koch-Weser told reporters Monday. "It might...reinforce domestic reform...peace and political cooperation." The bank, the European Community, the European Investment Bank and the United Nations Development Programme will help fund the second stage of the programme, which will start in May, last three years and cost \$30 million, double the first stage. Germany and Switzerland may also promise financing at an organisational meeting to be held in May in Morocco. Mr. Koch-Weser said that the programme is similar to talks on water, the environment and regional cooperation that are being held under the auspices of the Middle East peace process. The World Bank is providing technical advice to those talks. "Countries are realising that here is a problem (the Mediterranean environment) that you can only deal with jointly," he said. "That is a very important principle.'

### UAE gives environment shot in arm

ABU DHABI (AP) — President Sheikh Zayed Ben Sultan Al Nahayan has given environmental protection in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) a shot in the arm by establishing the federal environmental authority. A decree issued late Monday gives the seven federated emirates the power to enact laws to protect and improve the local environment. It goes into effect immediately. The authority will be based in the capital. Abu Dhabi, and will work on protecting the environmental against hazards hamrful to humans, wildlife and crops, the decree said. It will be run by a 10-member board of directors, including the minister of health, Ahmad Saeed Al Badi, who is said to be one of the prime movers behind establishment of the body. Though not considered high on the list of countries suffering from large-scale pollution, the UAE has been quietly pushing for waste recycling and better awareness. of the environment.

#### **Bush to visit Kuwait for honor**

KUWAIT (AP) - Kuwait's minister of education said ex-President George Bush will visit the emirate April 13-15 and will receive an honorary degree from Kuwait University, press reports said Tuesday. The minister, Ahmad Al Rubei, told reporters that Mr. Bush was invited by the ruling emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah. The degree, he said, will be conferred on Mr. Bush on April 14. Similar degrees have been given to former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and to Javier Perez de Cuellar, the former secretary-general of the United Nations, for their roles in liberating Kuwait from seven months of Iraqi occupation in 1991.

#### Morocco seizes 1.9 tonnes cannabis resin

RABAT (R) — Security forces have seized 1.9 tonnes of cannabis resin hidden in a truckload of timber near the central Moroccan city of Fez, the official news agency MAP reported Tuesday. The agency said the drug, worth 30 million dirhams (\$3.2 million), was seized at the weekend on a truck being driven at night towards Fez from Ketama in the Rif Mountains where cannabis is widely grown. Since last November, Morocco has been waging a major anti-drug campaign. Tonnes of hashish have been seized, most of it on trucks

'Demjanjuk failed to prove he was framed'

CINCINNATI (AP) - The Justice Department told a federal appeals court Monday that the man accused of being a notorious Nazi camp guard failed to prove that evidence clearing him was withheld. In papers filed with the Sixth U.S. Circuit Court of appeals, the Justice Department said retired auto worker John Demjanjuk's defence "has not met the heavy burden of showing that any of the judgements were obtained by fraud." Demjanjuk was extradited to Israel in 1986 and sentenced to death there for being "Ivan the terrible," a guard at the Treblinka camp in Poland where the Nazis killed 850,000 people during World War II Demjanjuk claims he was the victim of mistaken identity. A rebuttal to Monday's claim would be sent to the court, said his son-in-law, Ed Nishnic of Cleveland. The appeals court began investigating last year whether the government had withheld evidence before Demjanjuk was extradited. A hearing for final arguments is expected to be scheduled next month by U.S. district Judge Thomas Wiseman, who is overseeing the investigation. The Sixth Circuit reopened the case in June, saying it was concerned about news reports that called into doubt whether Demjanjuk was the right man. Demjanjuk says that at the time he was a prisoner at another Nazi camp. He is appealing his death sentence to the Israeli supreme court. Demjanjuk's family says the Justice Department received witness statements in 1978 that referred to an "Ivan Marchenko" as the operator of Treblinka's gas chambers. The department didn't make that information available to defence lawyers, the family said.

### Two drug smuggling rings busted in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) - Iranian security forces have busted two drug smuggling rings in a recent crackdown that left a policeman and two gang members killed, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Monday. The agency, monitored in Nicosia, said one 20-man gang was led by a notorious gangster named Shapour Narouie, who was captured. It did not say how many other suspects were captured. It also did not specify where or when this bust occurred. But it quoted an unidentified "informed source" as saying that one gang member and a "law enforcement officer" were killed. IRNA said the second bust was in the southeastern were killed. IRNA said the second bust was in the southeastern Kerman province. One gang member was killed and nine others were injured. The agency did not say what, if any, quantity of drugs was seized in either raid. Drug smuggling and possession with intent to sell carry a mandatory death sentence in Iran. More than 2,500 people have been hanged under this law since January 1989. Iranian opposition groups and some independent human rights groups maintain that the government uses false drugs charges to execute opponents.

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### Yemen: Vote against Gulf war 'nothing to regret'

ABU DHABl (R) — Yemen said Tuesday that despite the loss of valuable Gulf Arab aid it does not regret its U.N. vote mgainst the use of force to expel Iraq from Kuwait.

"I think it's nothing to regret." Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Irvani told Reuters. "To vote against war is not a crime."

('uha and Yemen, which was the Arab member of the Security Council when Iraq invaded Kuwait in August 1990, voted against the U.S.-sponsored U.N. resolution authorising the use of force to eject Iraqi troops.

China abstained and the resolution was adopted 12-2. Sanaa's stand in the 1990-91 Gulf crisis cost it close ties with the oil-rich Gulf Arab states and financial backing.

Mr. Iryani came to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) Monday in a bid to restore warm relations. "Anyone who scrutinises (Ye-

men's position) will not find at any time blanket support for the Iraqi position," he said in an Yemen, he said, was "severely

punished" for voting against the Gulf war. It also lost \$1.4 billion in annual remittances from a million Yemeni workers expelled from Gulf Arab states, mostly Saudi Arabia, during the Gulf crisis

Mr. Iryani said Yemen never supported Iraq's occupation of

"I think the misunderstanding came for the sole reason that Yemen decided to pursue a peaceful inter-Arab solution to the crisis, while a group of Arab

countries felt this crisis could be resolved only by resorting to force in cooperation with foreign

forces," he said. Yemen has asked Gulf states to relax visa restrictions and raise diplomatic ties back to normal instead of resuming aid and ters to return.

Iryani said. Yemen is interested in the total normalisation of relations with the Gulf (Arab) countries more than the question of assistance," he said.

We are doing our best to get things back to normal, but again the question of workers is not the only issue that would make things become normal."

Ties are particularly bad with Kuwait which Mr. Iryani said was not allowing diplomats to return "to even check on Yemeni properties in Kuwait (such as) materials and supplies and equipment in the embassy."
When asked if Yemen would

try to resume contacts with Kuwait soon, Mr. Iryani said: "We are open to it if they want. But it takes two to get married." Mr. Iryani's visit is the first by a senior Yemeni government offi-cial to the UAE since the Gulf

Since the end of the Gulf war in 1991, Yemen and Oman have agreed on the demarcation of disputed border while a Yemeni

official visited Oatar last month. Yemen and Saudi Arabia are also involved in border talks, and in January Yemen President Ali Abdullah Saleh and Saudi Arabia's King Fahd exchanged letters on the issue.

### Sudan, Libya discuss unity

CAIRO (AP) - The leaders of Sudan and Libya, both suffering from international political isolation, met in Tripoli on Tuesday to discuss uniting their countries.

Libyan : leader\_ Muammar Qadhafi and Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir, Sudan's military ruler, signed an "integration agreement" in 1990 providing for close coordination to lead eventually to unity, Colonel Qadhafi's dream for all Arabs.

"The decision for unity is inevitable," Gen. Bashir said in a speech. "You will find the Sudanese people in the same trench with their brothers in the Jamahiriyah in order to repulse tyranny, to repulse injustice."
"Jamahiriyah" refers to

Libya's unique form of govern-ment that Col. Qadhafi selected move: the middlemen of elected representatives. Sudan under Gen. Bashir claims to be striving for a similar system.

The leaders' speech was distributed by Libya's official news agency JANA, monitored in

JANA said thousands of Libyans lined the roads to greet the two leaders. They raised the flags of both countries and photographs of Col. Qadhafi and Gen. Bashir.

triumph from Morocco to Bahrain." Another said: "One Nation, not two." Some people even slaughtered

camels to celebrate the occasion. JANA said. In his speech, Gen. Bashir said: "We want to confirm to you

that the Sudanese people have joined this march and will stand by the Libyan people to struggle for Arab unity. We will struggle for Arab unity against the savage attacks of the enemies."

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### **Cypriot president sees** U.N. council members

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides told representatives of the five permanent members of the Security Council Monday that a "set :a: date and make tother solution to the Cyprus problem must be equitable, viable and in keeping with the U.N. charter and universally accepted human

this message was conveyed during separate meetings with the U.N. envoys of the United States, Britain, France, Russia and China.

During his meeting with U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright, Mr. Clerides was given a letter from President Bill Clinton welcoming him to the United States and offering renewed congratulations on his election last month as president, the spokeswoman said.

Mr. Clerides and Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash were due to confer separately Tuesday The purpose of the talks is to

Mr. Denktash had meetings

Monday with Ms. Albright and with Pakistan's U.N. Ambassador Jamsheed Marker, who will be Security Council president during April.
Mr. Clerides and Mr. De-

nktash also conferred separately with the current council president, Ambassador Terence

## U.S. concerned over new Sudan fighting

WASHINGTON (R) - The United States said Monday an outbreak of fighting between two factions of a Sudanese rebel south of the country.

mented Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) rebel movement clashed in Kongor, southern Sudan, one of the groups reported Sunday.

"This latest outbreak of fighting threatens the lives of thousands of southern Sudanese whose only chance of survival is an uninterrupted flow of relief supplies," the State Department

It said the fighting was centred on an area where many desperate Sudanese, including thousands of children, had gathered to receive

The State Department called

"Thousands back from rebel

Tens of thousands of people in war-torn southern Sudan have recently returned from rebel-held areas to towns controlled by government forces, government officials were quoted Monday as saying.

Torit, in Equatoria state, has jumped from 45 in January to 47,704, the official Sudan News Agency (SUNA) quoted Major General Sartulino Arika, the state governor, as saying. Toria was recaptured by government troops last July.

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#### group could cause famine in the A banner read: "Unity brings Two rival factions of the fragon all parties to observe a recent

said Monday.

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Gen. Arika attributed their decision to return to what he called the government's peace message and its declarations of a general amnesty, SUNA reported.

General Omar Hassan Al Bashir had declared several amnesties for rebels since it came to power

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Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday visits the interior surgical facilities of the Orbis Operational Plane which arrived in Amman with a 10-member medic-

### Queen visits Project Orbis plane where team performs eye surgeries

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Tuesday visited the Orbis Operational Plane at Am-

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Project Orbis is an international, humanitarian organisation dedicated to fighting blindness and promoting peaceful cooperation mong nations worldwide.

It offers three-week training programmes to countries at the invitation of their governments and eve doctors.

During the first two weeks of the group's visit to Amman, surgeries will be performed on

board the plane. The Orbis team will also be working in close cooperation with King Hussein Medical Centre, Al Bashir Hospital, and Jordan University Hospital.

The team comprises doctors and nurses from 10 different countries, whose mission is to teach new techniques and exchange skills and ideas with the ophthalmic community in Jordan. Each Orbis programme lasts for three months.

The team has already performed two operations and is

expected to perform a few more prior to its departure in two

Upon her arrival, the Oueen was received by Chief Chamber-lain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid, Director General of the Royal Medical Services Youssel Quossous and Chief of the Ophthalmology Department at King Hussein Medical Centre Ibrahim Ayesh.

Receiving the Queen from the Orbis team were Mission's Director Pina Taormina and Medical Director Chedly Bouzouaya.

*Ministry* 

plans for

municipal

staff

training

By a Jordan Times

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Minister of Muni-

cipal and Rural Affairs and the

Tubeishat Tuesday said that the

ministry plans to set up three

centres in Amman, Irbid and

Karak during 1993 to organise

training courses for municipalities

The minister told the Jordan

Times that the projected centres

were designed to offer periodic

training to mayors, accountants,

engineers technicians and other

municipal council staff around

In preparation for this project, Dr. Tubeishat said the ministry is

organising a symposium in Amman on April 12 for heads of

municipal and village councils to

discuss the project and other mat-

ters related to local council activi-

Several working papers dealing

with council operations and ser-

vices will be reviewed by the

symposium, which will be orga-

nised in cooperation with the

Cities and Villages Development

Asked about the removal of

the present Ruseifa garbage

dumping site in Zarqa governo-rate, which has been the cause of

public complaints, Dr. Tubeishat

said the ministry, in cooperation

with the Amman Municipality

plans to temporarily move the

present site two kilometres south

The ministry, in the meantime. is studying prospects of finding other sites away from the town,

He said contacts are underway

with foreign firms to discuss the prospect of exploiting part of the

garbage to produce fertilisers or

other useful matter from the re-

Bank (CVDB).

of the town.

Dr. Tubeishat added.

### **HOME NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Health minister leaves for Cairo meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — Health Minister Aref Al Bataineh Tuesday left for Cairo to participate in the meetings of the 17th session of the Arab health ministers council which will start there Wednesday. The council will discuss health conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Arab territories, Palestine's request to join the world health organisation (WHO), and means of countering attempts to admit Israel into the International league of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. It is also scheduled to discuss issues related to combating drug addiction.

### Minister receives visiting U.N. panel """

AMMAN (Petra) — Information Minister Mahmoud Al Sharif received in his office Tuesday a visiting delegation from the United Nations Population Fund (UNPF). Mr. Sharif discussed with the delegation population-related issues in the Arab World and preparations to hold a seminar on population to be held

### Agriculture minister visits Al Hassan station

AMMA! (Petra) — Agriculture Minister Fayez Al Khasawneh Tuesday visited Al Hassan Agricultural Station in the Baqua area where he inspected its various facilities. Dr. Khasawneh was also familiarised with agricultural research conducted by the National Centre for Agricultural Research and Technology Transfer (NCARTT) at the station. The minister was accompanied on the visit by Ministry of Agriculture Secretary General Ghaleb Abu Arabi and Director of NCARTT Mahmoud Al Dweiri.

### NHF rural life panel discusses plans

AMMAN (Petra) - The higher technical committee of the Rural Life Development Project, which is carried out by the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NIIF) held a meeting at NIIF headquarters Tuesday. Participants at the meeting, who represent seven ministries and various institutions concerned in the development process, discussed the annual plans for developing rural areas. The project is currently carried out in eight villages in various parts of Jordan, thus benefiting about 15,000 people directly or indirectly. During the current year, the projects will be expanded to include four more villages.

### Society receives JD 20,000 from Canada

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped Princess Majda Ra'd Tuesday received a cheque for JD 20,000 as a contribution from the Canadian government to be used in supporting the society's mobile clinic project.

### Food security conference to open Sunday

AMMAN (Petra) - A specialised conference on food security in the Arab World will open in Amman April 4 with the participation of several Arab countries. The conference, which is organised by the Arab Federation of Food Industries in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jordan Agricultural Engineers Association, will discuss eight working papers on the processing of dairy products, fodder, tomato paste, corbonated beverages, cereals, poultry and oil. Three specialised seminars on the role of the agricultural engineers in development will be held on the sidelines of the conference. Delegations representing Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Libya, Algeria and Morocco will participate in the conference. Also on the sidelines of the conference, will be an exhibition of agricultural products and processed food.

### Geologists plan regional conference

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive bureau of the Arab Geologists Federation held a meeting in Amman Tuesday under the chairmanship of federation president and head of the Jordanian Geologists Association Issa Abu Taha. The bureau decided to set up a committee to follow up preparations for the Middle East Geologists Conference which will be held in Amman in 1994. The committee comprises representatives of Jordanian universities. ministries and private sector institutions.

### Philanthropists distribute aid to needy

AMMAN (Petra) — Human Appeal International has distributed 20 tonnes of foodstuffs to the needy in Jordan to help fight poverty in the Kingdom. The philanthropic group also distributed new clothes to orphaned children and needy families on the occasion of the 'Eid Al Fitr Feast. Director of the group's office in Jordan Adham Agel said the assistance was distributed to more than 3,000 needy families in Irbid, the Jordan Valley, Ajloun, Mafraq, Jerash, Amman, Zarqa, Tafileh, Karak and Aqaba.

# If 'obstacles' stay, Arabs will not go to round 9

Arabs want Israeli commitment hope that the U.S. administration will take steps to restart the peace to end expulsion policies

By Mariam M. Shahin Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The four Arab parties to the bilateral talks between the Arabs and Israel will not go to round nine, scheduled to begin April 20, if "obstacles to peace" are not removed before the round begins, said Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat upon his return from the Damascus meeting of foreign ministers and peace

The coordination efforts of the four Arab parties to the Arab-Israeli bilateral peace taiks came to a turning point this week when Arab parties agreed to postpone a decision to attend round nine of the peace talks at the Damascus meeting of foreign ministers and peace negotiators of the respec-tive countries, said Dr. Erekat.

Damascus was a turning point and I believe the U.S. and Israel miscalculated the likelihood of a common Arab position vis-a-vis the peace process," Dr. Erekat told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

"After an upcoming round of consultations between Arab delegations and Washington, we will return to Damascus and we will decide either to go or not go to round nine," he said, adding that "in any case our decision will be to go together or to refrain form going together."

Fears of a split decision among the Arab parties to the peace process where Jordan and the Palestinians would refrain from going to round nine, and Syria and Lebanon would agree to go have evaporated said Palestinian negotiators.

"Thus far we, the Arab parties, have not been given a good reason to return to the talks either by Israel or by the cosponsor, the U.S.," said Palestinian negotiator Zakaria Agha.

The Damascus meeting showed that there is a United Arab position which gives each of the Arab parties greater strengths as individual negotiating teams, said Dr. Agha, who is one of several peace negotiators who heads for Tunis this Thursday to meet Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials.

While head of the Palestinian

steering committee Faisal Husseini and a team of two negotiators and two advisors failed to receive commitments of substance from the U.S. government, Palestinians have not given up

we want an Israeli commitment not to deport Palestinians individually or collectively, and we want this commitment guaranteed by the broker of the talks. the United States," said Dr. Erekat spelling out what the Palestinians are asking for before they return to the negotiating table.

Statements made by Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin refuting that Israel will make any move to alleviate the current situation or remove "obstacles from the path of the peace process" will backfire, say Palestinian negotiators.

"Rabin will then become the Israeli Prime Minister who managed to flunk both security and peace," said Dr. Erekat referring to the increasing violence between Palestinians and Israelis in the occupied territories.

The repressive measures used by the Israeli military in the occupied territories have not worked in breaking Palestinian determination in the last 40-plus years, say the Palestinian nego-

"Mr. Rabin knows that the methods of repression being practiced do not work; he knows that this does not mean more security for Israel," said Dr. Erekat.

By Odeh Odeh Special to the Jordan Times

The head of the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Farouk Kaddoumi said: "We are for peace to rescue our people from occupation and from sufferings

But Mr. Kaddoumi said Israel bears the responsibility for any

ministers at the Damascus meeting, Mr. Kaddoumi said such cooperation constitutes a strong

Haidar Abdul Shafi said the

Coordination in Damascus "In order to attend round nine forms strong basis for action

> AMMAN - Members of the Palestinian delegation who participated in the Arab foreign ministers meeting in Damascus said Tuesday that the Palestinian people are now inclined towards peace more than at any time in

known to no other people in the

obstacles in the path of peace created by its intransigent posi-tion and its disregard of international legitimacy. Praising the level of coordination among the Arab foreign

basis for collective Arab action in the future. Chief Palestinian negotiator

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leaves something to be desired.

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ber of Finnish tourists to Agaba has again picked up, with groups

arriving aboard chartered flights from Helsinki at the rate of 120 to

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170 visitors per week.

Palestinians have a clear-cut posi-

Dr. Abdul Shafi said the Palestinian people are for peace

### Stone map 'discovery' stirs up controversy

By Sausan Ghosheh Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - A stone mup of the

Wadi Rum area, dating back to 3500-3000 B.C., is said to have been found in the southern desert of Jordan. Edoardo Borzatti, a professor of palaeontology at the Universi-

ty of Florence, said he first saw

the 8,000 kg stone in 1978, and

after 15 years of study, he is now

90 per cent sure that it is a map. But, Fawzi Zayadin, an official at the Department of Archaeology, said the department does not recognize that stone to be a map. The five squares metres stone map represents an area of 2,500-

3,000 square kilometres, said Dr. Borzatti. It has 147 holes, which Professor Borzatti said, denote 147 villages. The lines drawn on the stone denies Wadis in Jordan, which

have been located, he explained. Thus far, 112 of the villages have been identified, affirmed Professor Borzatti. Objects found in the villages;

the climatic conditions and carbon dating (a scientific method used to determine the age of an organic object) all indicate that these villages existed between 3500-3000 B.C.

Dr. Borzatti hypothesizes that the stone was carved by nomads.

them. He believes therefore that side Jordan."

opposite the Iraqi Embassy.

Centre's main theatre at 8 p.m.

**WHAT'S GOING ON** 

**EXHIBITIONS** 

Exhibition of pottery and ceramics by Sa'eda Al Bitar Ghanem

at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery, 1st Circle,

Exhibition of paintings entitled "Meditating Land and Man"

by plastic artist Hussein Da'sa at Baladna Art Gallery.

THEATRE

Play entitled "The Death of Thebes" at the Royal Cultural

POETRY RECITAL

Arabic poetry recital by Palestinian poet Mahmoud Darwish, at 5 p.m. at the Palace of Culture, Al Hussein Youth City.

☆ English language discussion group about "Second Language

Acquisition" at 5:30 p.m. at the British Council.

this stone map was used by the nomads to defineate the area they

Still, Dr. Borzatti emphasises that these explanations are a hypothesis. "I am not sure of the meaning, it is a hypothesis. But I am sure it is a map.

The discovery of this stone "changes the methodology of archaeology in Jordan" he said. Earlier scientists did not know that the 112 villages existed at the same time, he said, adding that this fact is "very important" to

scientists working in this region. Despite Dr. Borzatti's assurances that this map is authentic, the Department of archaeology in Jordan said it is unlikely.

Dr. Zayadin said "there are several stones similar to this one in the Jordanian desert, and we do not agree that it is a map." He accused Dr. Borzatti of working with a tourism agency in

archaeological discovery in order to profit from a tourism scheme Dr. Borzatti said Dr. Zayadin is not specialised in the prehistoric periods. But, he said "everyone is free to think what e/she wants and to invite others

to research and study the stone." Italian Embassy Cultural Attache Giovani Benenati said "the Department of Archaeology should be thankful to Dr. Borzat-Until recently, Dr. Borzatti ti because he was the first one to said, nomads took money from exhibit authentic Jordanian peasants in return for not raiding nomadic culture and heritage out-

### office authorised Milan and inventing this to excavate near Petra

of Ministers has authorised the Department of Antiquities to utilise a plot of land around the ancient Nabatean city of Petra for archaeological excavations.

Safwan Tel told the Jordan Times that 264,000 dunums around Petra will be considered an archaeological reserve and registered solely in the department's

month, does not in any way encroach upon the rights of the local tribes in the Wadi Mousa region, said Dr. Tel, adding that they will he allowed to continue to grow cereals on this land indefinitely.

man's harmful activities. Dr. Tel said the Council of

Ministers' decision prohibits the building of homes or planting of trees in the now restricted zone.

#### **Courism faces ups and downs** been reduced significantly, they the sea. Mr. Hilalat added that another 3,350 Jordanian visitors Still Mr. Hilalat was quoted by spent the holiday in tent camps

AMMAN (J.T.) - Tourism in Jordan is experiencing its ups and downs these days, say public officials and representatives of the tourism industry. According to Aqaba Tourism

Department Director Mahmoud Hilalat, during March the port city was visited by about 8,000 foreign tourists who disembarked at Aqaba from eight ocean liners. Mr. Hilalat said most of these tourists also made side trips to

During the recent 'Eid Al Fitr holiday, he said, Aqaba's 33 hotels were booked to capacity with thousands of Jordanians who

Wadi Rum and Petra during their

came to spend their vacation by

# Antiquities

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Council

Department Director General

The decision, taken earlier this

He said the registration of the land will help facilitate the department's ongoing excavation programmes and its plan to protect the environment within the Petra region from pollution and

He added that it also prohibits private or public organisation to dispense with, buy or sell this land under any circumstances. Dr. Tel said the cabinet ruling calls for the bedouin tribe settlement known as Saaidin together with its police station to be moved out of the restricted zone.

### Now that the 'Eid Al Fitr tours to Egypt and Jordan have holiday is over, the number of already cancelled their trips to visitors to the seaside resort has the two countries Minister, ALO chief to finalise plans for labour

that despite various efforts by the attacks on tourists there, tourist

Tourism Ministry and local tour- offices here said the recent de-

ist offices, it is only during the velopments have severely

example, is crowded with visitors. tourists who had booked package

ministers meeting AMMAN (J.T.) — Arah Labour Organisation (ALO) Director Baker Mahmoud Rasoul is due in Amman today for talks with Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti and other officials on arrangements for the Arab

open here on April 5. His Majesty King Hussein is expected to open the several-day conference which, according to Mr. Kabariti, will be attended by delegates from all the Arab

Labour Ministers Conference to

League member states. In preparation, Mr. Kabariti Tuesday met with the members of the Jordanian delegation to the meeting to review topics on the conference's agenda.

The delegation comprises representatives of the Jordanian government, employers and workers, said the minister. Underlining the importance of

the conference, Mr. Kabariti stressed that the discussions were of major significance to the Arab Nation as a whole. In addition, he said, the pan-Arab meeting would revive the spirit of solidarity among Arab countries.

Several dossiers tackling questions related to a pan-Arab employment strategy, the role of Arab women in development, the employment of handicapped people, the environment of the Arab World, labour and occupational safety will be discussed. Mr.

Kabariti said. He explained that the projected Arab employment strategy entails the creation of a higher Arab committee to supervise the implementation of a decade-long

programme of employment. The committee, he said, will be chaired by an Arab minister of labour who will steer its work, enabling it to fulfill its mission.

Mr. Rasoul, who visited Jordan on several occasions to discuss the topics on the agenda of the upcoming conference, was quoted in the local press as saying that the pan-Arab employment strategy was of vital importance, adding that the Arab countries' main challenge in the coming years is to create 2.5 million jobs annually to avoid further deterioration of the employment situation in the current decade.

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### The Friends of Archaeology Society and

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### The obliquity of secrecy

JORDANIANS SHOULD ask each individual candidate in the next Parliamentary elections to pledge tool to support the convening of any secret ns. Secrecy is an anathema to democracy. And if Jurdanians are serious in their quest for democracy, they shoul fight secrecy.

We fail to understand how the Lower House decides in hold a closed session to discuss a case, that of deputies Laith Shbeilat and Yaqoub Qarrash, that was held open at the military court.

When that court, at the height of the proceedings, decided to hold a secret session to hear a "secret" witness, Jordanians at large, including deputies and lawyers, protested. During the past four years of democratic experimentation, the House held a number of closed sessions that, as had been reported later, did not warrant secrecy.

The question thus persists: Why secret sessions?

If, as some defenders of secrecy contend, closed sessions are necessary to hide certain sensitive issues from the public, presumably because ordinary people would react inappropriately to informa-tion disclosed, then that is an insult to the people. Deputies — by definition the closest to peoples' hearts and minds - should know that people are aware of most of the secrets whether discussed at secret, sessions or among tight-lipped officials. Furthermure secrets that are not fully comprehended by the people or which are told second hand tend to grow into rumours or overblown stories. But if secret sessions are held to allow deputies and ministers the liberty to include in masty exchanges and accusations or to settle accounts, then closed sessions are a betraval of the e because they deny them the opportunity to hold their deputies accountable for what they say

Setrets, normally, involve one of two things: security watters or illegal behaviour. Issues that te security of the nation are always behind closed doors. But the issues that were discussed in the House on Monday cannot be classified as national security secret.

R is, therefore, the duty of every Jordanian, especially every voter, to impress on the next ensure that information that concerns the public is and discussed behind closed doors.

the thinky democracies, the practice is to hold classif semions for parliamentary committees that in with to examine secret documents or hear evidence by security or senior government officials on statters related to national security. But the bods that represents the whole population rarely sits to a climed session, because whatever deputies discuss falls in the domain of public knowledge. The people have the right to hear all discussions that affect their lives; they should not be denied that basic right.

### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

THEY ATEST developments in the occupied Arab territories and the unsurge of the intifada were signs of a complete transformation of the concept of Arab resistance, said Sawt Al Shaab Arabic daily Tuesday. The paper said that the Land Day anniversary, which was marked Tuesday, coincides with an escalation of resistance activity against the Israeli forces in Palestinian land in such a way that drove fear and horror to the Israeli people's hearts. The intifada, which was confined to restricted areas in the past year, has now spread to onflame all Arab territories under occupation and to dissipate the Israelis dreams perpetuating their occupation, the paper continued. The intifada, said the paper, has indeed put an end to Zionists dreams of creating the "Greater Israel," extending from Nile to the Euphrates and forced the Zionists to admit their failure to controlling the affairs of the Palestinian lands by announcing plans to withdraw from Gaza Strip. The Palestinian heroes are steadfast in their resistance and in their legendary struggle and in the number of the martyrs they have offered in the course of liberating their homeland, the paper added. It said that the Israeli decision to expel the Palestinians to southern Lebanon has backfired on the Israeli society and its leaders who are now committing the ugliest Nazi acts of terror against the civilian population. The paper said that the Land Day anniversary is an occasion that gives the Palestinians further incentive to pursue the struggle to the end.

Salamel Electr, a columnist in Sawt Al Shaab, expressed, dissatisfaction with the outcome of the foreign ministers meeting in Damascus, describing the final statement as ambiguous and confusing to the Arab masses. The writer said that the Arab masses were expecting a collective Arab stand vis-a-vis the April 20 meeting in Washington where the peace process is scheduled to continue, but the meeting resulted in no collective stand. The writer said that the postponement of a decision with regard to the resumption of the negotiations in Washington can mean nothing and waiting for the results of the Hussini-Christopher meeting can by no means help the Arabs achieve a joint stand. "We had hoped that the Arab ministers will demand unequivocally the full implementation of U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 before the resumption of the peace negotiations," said the writer. He said the other parties could not be blamed so much for the result of the Damascus meeting as the Palestinian side because the Palestinians have failed so far to decide on whether they are going to Washington or not, the writer added. It is therefore the Palestinians' weak stand in this matter, said the writer, which prompted the other Arab parties to put off a final decision concerning the resumption of the talks.

Economic Forum

By Dr. Abdalla Malki

## The economics of Russia

THE CORE problem which led to the demise of the Soviet Union and the breakdown of scientific Socialism in it was the economic failure. As envisaged originally in the Marxist theory, economic facts propel history: this is exactly what they have been doing in the Soviet and Russian cases. The socialist system failed to deliver, and the inevitable thing stormed in and tore apart the Socialist system itself. What is taking place now in Russla is another episode of the violent interaction between economics and politics.

Two years after the disintegration of the Soviet Union, Russia now cannot be, in materialistic economic terms, something different from what it was then. The problems of bread and butter, of housing and jobs, and of inflation and medication are still around. They are fuelling the turmoil exactly as they did and as they will do. It was reported that the Russian parliament is taking advantage of popular discontent with Mr. Yeltsin's economic reforms which last year led to a production drop of about 20 per cent and inflation of more than 2000 per cent.

The basic fact is that economic transition cannot, irrespective of good intentions, be achieved in less than 10-15 years. In the particular case of Russia and other ex-Soviet republics, transition s more difficult to achieve because the country and the economy

have to move a very long way, from the extreme to the extreme.

As long as the transition is not accomplished, political and social turmoil is bound to erupt from time to time irrespective of who is (are) the political leader(s). Indeed, the Russians will be very lucky if they can achieve transition without plunging themselves in a civil war or in destructive chaos at best. As the Western media put it, Mr. Yeltsin stands for economic reform based on the free market economy and his opponents are the "so-called centrists, the industrial elite ... who call themselves pragmatic businessmen, but they are in fact the Communist economic mentality personi-

This is an extreme view which cannot be true. The bone of contention now in Russia is what sort of reform to choose, not to go or not to go for reform. The evidence is that the Russian prime minister, Mr. Rutskoi, who is one of Mr. Yeltsin's men, criticises Russia's economic reforms and believes that they should be carried in a far more cautious way. He also criticises the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for putting forward too tough terms for rendering assistance.

As usual and expected, the West and its media are very busy telling the Russians that they know what is good for them more than any Russian does. After prolonged hesitation, the West is playing very seriously with the idea of helping Mr. Yeltsin in his capacity as the "brave democrat". And this help will come in its most effective form: economic aid.

Such aid will be enormous because, once the West starts it, it has to go to the end of this very long road. Aid will have to continue for the next 10 years and can run in tens of billions of dollars. For example, the external debt of Russia, which is anything near \$50

billion, will have to be written off.
However, the West, together with Japan, have coined their own rationale for this cost: Whatever aid is to be given now to Russia will be less than the (economic) loss the West will suffer if Mr. Yeltsin's free market march is to founder. With the support of the West, Mr. Yeltsin will most likely prevail in the final count but the question is at what cost to Russia.

M. KAHIL



### Despite France's 'rightward' shift

### Little change expected in foreign policy

By Christopher Burns The Associated Press

PARIS - France's new conservative government may prove more protectionist and nationalist, possibly creating new trade tensions with the United States and Europe.

But analysts don't expect a fundamental change in French foreign policy, now that the right wing has ousted the Socialists from government, leaving only President Francois Mitterrand to carry their banner.

Whether under the Socialists or the Gaullists — the heirs of Gen. Charles de Gaulle's mantle of prickly nationalism — France has asserted foreign policy independence within the framework of its commitment to the Western

Foreign and defence policy are considered the "reserved domain" of the presidency, a legacy of De Gaulie's stature on the

world stage. But Paris Mayor Jacques Chirac, head of the Neo-Gaullist Party that holds the largest share of seats in the new National Assembly, has signaled that such presidential privilege may be over. Mr. Chirac, his eye on capturing the presidency in 1995, has served notice that his Rally For

the Republic party will put the interests of French farmers first in the dispute with Germany and the United States over agricultural subsidies.

The conservatives, like the socialists, have vowed to veto a U.S.-European Community (EC) agreement that would force cuts in EC subsidies and production of crops such as grain and oilseed, hurting French farmers. The right also wants to scrap an EC agricultural reform programme that

Since France has been a prime force behind the European Comduring the 1986-88 cohabitation. "He knew they were sifting out messages last time," said Michel Girard, political science professor at the Sorbonne, referring to the rightist-run foreign ministry.

Still, that period was one of general harmony between Mr. Mitterrand and Mr. Chirac, then premier, on foreign issues. For example, they refused

Washington's request to send warplanes across French airspace to bomb Libya in 1986, calling the raid an escalation of terrorism. Then U.S. President Reagan

ordered the air raid after investi-

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munity's drive toward closer integration, a crisis with Germany would profoundly embarrass Mr. \_Berlin discotheque frequented by

Mr. - Mitterrand's "cohabitation," or power-sharing, with the right could lead to a struggle over foreign policy.

Mr. Mitterrand, foresceing his

party's electoral rout, reportedly had a private diplomatic telex installed in his Elysee Palace last winter because of his experience

gators said Libyan agents were behind the fatal bombing of a

U.S. servicemen. Even after the Socialists returned to power in 1988, the right backed the left's foreign policy. This included French participation in the Gulf war, the humanitarian rescue mission in Somalia, pressuring the Serbs in the Bosnian civil war, and support for Russia's embattled President Both groups continue to sup-

port France's arm's-length membership in NATO and favour building a European military force outside NATO. Both back maintaining a nuc-

lear force but may clash over whether to end Mr. Mitterrand's moratorium on test blasts.

The new conservative government "would be a bit more nationalist, but not much. It's seen as being tougher on foreign but I don't think the margin is great," said Dr. Nicholas Wahl, director of the Institute of French Studies at New York University.

"I don't expect any great Gaullist gestures," he said. After a period of demanding

that African governments institute democratic reforms as a condition for French aid, Mr. Mitterrand has reverted to dispatching troops to former French colonies. such as Rwanda, Gabon, Chad and Zaire to protect investments. Conservative influence on fore-

ign policy may also be impeded by the large number of ambassadors and other diplomats recently named by the Socialists, who foresaw they were about to lose

"It will take years for the conservatives to retake the diplomatic initiative," Mr. Girard said.

Letter from the U.N.

By Walid Sadi

## U.N. panel uncompromising on punishment of human right violators

THE INTERNATIONAL community underscored its reservation on the resort to statute of limitations or general amnesties that purport to prevent the investigation and punishment of perpetrators of crimes against humanity during the ongoing deliberations of the U.N. Human Rights Com-mittee (HRC) on the case of

Uruguay was under "de facto" military rule between 1973 and 1985 when there were untold numbers of grave human rights violations ranging from extra judicial executions to disappearances and torture on a large scale.

To underscore the importance of the HRCS probing into Uruguay's human rights record, the government sent a special representative of the president of the country to respond to the various inquiries put to him by the 18member committee as well as submit his countries third periodic report as requested under the International Covenant of Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR).

What the experts in the HRC were disturbed most about in examining Uruguay's progress report was the so called 1986 Ley de Caducidad de La Pretension Punitiva del Estado which was promulgated after the return of democracy to the country in 1985. In effect, the law, otherwise,

called the law of expiry of the punitive powers of the state, prevented the prosecution of officials accused of responsibility for human rights violations during the period of military rule. As a result, all pending judicial investigations into cases involving allegations of torture, extrajudicial executions and disappearances were frozen and then dismissed on the strength of the 1986 expiry

The spokesman of the government stated that his government wanted to start a new era in the country and turn a new page based on national reconciliation and foregivness. This

stance of letting by gones be by gones was effectively rejected by the committee which saw in the continuous investigation of all human rights violations and the punishment of all those found guilty as necessary under the ICCPR. There is no way that Uru-

guay and other similarly situ-ated countries can prevent the return to the past eras of oppression except by holding those responsible for the com-mission of grave human rights violations accountable at all times. International law per se does not allow the application of statutes of limitations on grades against humanity, many are members pointed out, and there is no reason to tolerate Uruguay's attempt to justify its law that effectively granted amnesty to human rights viola-

It was also stated that the prevention of torture and other grave human rights violations call for effective remedies which cannot be had without the thorough investigation of all cases of grave human rights violations and to bring to jus-

tice all those found guilty.
This ruling by the HRC casts doubt about not only statute of limitations but also amnesties that in effect absolve human rights violators from accountaoility no matter how much time has passed since their occurr-

The committee concluded its consideration of the situation in Uruguay Tuesday. Already two other countries were under investigation by the human rights body, namely, Niger and Dominican Republic. The panel will then investigate the case of Iran submitted its second periodic report last summer in Geneva but due to the extensive investigation that was conducted by the members of the committee, it was decided to resume consideration of the same case during this spring session of the ERC.

The writer, who is on the editorial staff of the Jordan Times, is a member of U.N. Human Rights Committee.

### Suppressing the truth

By G.H. Jansen

AMONG THE many lessons taught by the explosion in the World Trade Centre in New York on Feb. 26 — lessons on security and so on — was the further lesson that there are two ways of telling light in least 1 and 1 ties: in legal parlance "suggestio falsi", positively suggesting falsehood, but also "suppressio veri," suppressing the truthe which is what was done in the trade centre case.

On Sunday March 28, four weeks after the bombing, the news broke, and was carried worldwide by the American Cable News Network, that four days after the event, a letter was sent by post to the New York Times claiming responsibility for the bombing in the name of the "Liberation Army, Fifth Battalion," a hitherto

There was, as usual in such cases, a threat of further bombings linked to a series of demands including an end to U.S. diplomatic relations with Israel and an end to "interfering with any of the Middle East countries' interior affairs."

In short, this letter made a direct retaliatory connection between the bombing and U.S. policy towards the Middle East in general and to Israel in particular: The bombing was punishment for the Israeli connection.

It was almost certainly because of that Israeli connection that the New York Times suppressed the news of the letter and of its contents for four weeks; and this by the leading U.S. newspaper which makes the proud boast on its masthead "all the news that's

fit to print." The Times, trying to exculpate itself of "suppressio veri" says that it turned the letter over to the New York City Police Department's chief of detectives, a Mr. Borelli, who passed it on

to a federal and city task force investigating the bombing.

Of course, there is no excuse in the Times passing on the letter to any official who may have told the newspaper to supress the news because the Times is important enough to ignore any such request, in the interests of truth and of journalistic independence

As a result of this suppression, the whole world for four weeks kept asking "Who did it?" and "why did they do it?" including the investigators themselves and the reporters of the Times. One of these, Ralph Blumenthal, wrote a report distributed by the New York Times service on Saturday May 27 which was headlined

"Blast looks less like foreign plot."

The suppressed letter crossed the T's and dotted the I's on "the foreign plot" when it argued: "The American people must know that their civilians who got killed are not better than those who are getting killed by American weapons and support... The American people are responsible for the actions of their government and they must question all of the crimes that their

government is committing against other people."

In suppressing the facts, what was kept from the American public was the high price of friendship with Israel. That cover-up has been achieved because even though the truth has got out, the lapse of time has disconnected the bombing from its connection

The writer is a Cyprus-based journalist specialising in Middle Eastern and Islamic affairs.

### **LETTERS**

# Revengeful inspections

To the Editor:

IT SEEMS that the inspection on Iraq's so-called nuclear and other facilities including normal food and milk production factories will never end. Perhaps those United Nations inspectors seem to enjoy the inspections financially and touristically. They seem to enjoy the trips in Iraq as we see them on television heerfully embarking and disembarking from passenger vehicles.

Financially they receive fat salaries and enormous allowances and emoluments from the United Nations. Perhaps they consider the international organisation a fat cow which can be milked ad infinitum and subsequently put all those enormous expenses on

the burden of Iraq's population. Inspections on the part of Security Council members have

simply taken the form of revenge, nothing more nor less.

To me and to thousands of people, U.N. inspections have become a farce and the honourable permanent members of the Security Council cannot fool all the people all the time. Let them have the courage and dare send inspectors to Israel is nuclear plant at Dimona in the Naqab where Israel has certainly made many nuclear bombs. One of the truthful witnesses is the imprisoned Israeli Mordechai Vanunu himself.

> Pascal B. Karmy, Amman.

# The quest for change

To the Editor:

I WORK for a local international enterprise. For the past week the chief executive officer (CEO) has been drumining us for the need to change, move forward and progress to achieve success in our business and our lives. He has also stressed the need for teamwork and team effort as opposed to everyone watching out

I cannot but think that the same should be applied to our beloved country. Jurdan and to its community. We have become used to the status quo and though we have welcomed the new democracy there seems to be no move away from the old, outdated and inefficient ways.

We must shed the old skin and start to really make a move forward, no excuses are acceptable, there is no reason why we cannot progress, we always say when there is a will there is a way. There is nothing special about the Japanese, or Koreans or Americans that makes them so successful. The only difference is motivation, and the thirst and quest for change and progress Sitting back in our chairs and blaming everything on other people

is not acceptable. We have to stop thinking about our own personal gains, financial or otherwise. We should all think about doing something that will benefit the country, rather than thinking about ways to cheat people out of more money. We can all make a difference if we are all prepared to change; out with the old and in with the new. If anyone doubts that he can make a difference, then take a look at the work of His Majesty, King Hussein and what it has done for this country so far. The King's message should be loud and clear: He has brought us this

far, it is now up to us. Don't let His Majesty down, let's really. build this country. I have a dream of a strong and powerful Jordan, where every member of the community is honestly working at building the future Jordan, where everyone is trying to outdo the rest to improve and benefit the country. Efficiency and progress are the

> Samir Atalla, Amman.

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that Jordan considered essential. The prime minister's remarks, however, did little to change the views of the deputies who are opposed to the peace negotia-

A Muslim Brotherhood deputy said his bloc made its continued rejection of the peace process known to the government.

"Our rejection of the peacetalks is known. We made that clear during the session and nothing will change that stand," a Brotherhood deputy told the Jordan Times Tuesday.

Presenting the House with a

government account of the Shabab Al Nafir Al Islami case in which two deputies were convicted of subversion against the state. Minister of Interior Jawdat Sboul defended the legality of all procedures taken against the two lawmakers, sources said.

Deputies Leith Shbeilat and Yaqoub Qarrash, both independent Islamists, were sentenced to 20 years imprisonment in the case in November but were pardoned a week later by a general amnesty issued by His Majesty King Hus-

The two deputies pledged their innocence throughout the case and after their release, insisting the charges against them were fabricated.

"Mr. Sboul restricted his remarks to the legal side of the (Al Nafir) case. Nothing that he said was new, however," one lawmak-

But while. Sheikh Qarrash left the session in protest against discussing the issue in a secret session, Mr. Shbeilat responded to the government's account, producing what he said were documents proving that the case against him and Sheikh Qarrash was "completely fabricated," sources said.

Sheikh Qarrash Monday told the Jordan Times he has similar evidence of his innocence and lashed at both the government and the House for denying him the "opportunity to take his case

to the people." He charged the decision to discuss the issue in a secret ses-

sion was a "conspiracy." Mr. Shbeilat's speech was followed by a heated debate that had deputies divided on whether to probe the case anew by the House's "Investigation Committee or end discussion of it. And even though the case was not put to vote, the majority of deputies opted against reinvestigating it,

the sources said. At least one deputy, however, severely criticised the House for what he described as its unsatisfactory performance in defence of the two lawmakers, who were tried by a military court.

"I was a member of the house committee to follow up the case of the two deputies. The committee, however, did not do anything worth mentioning, and its response to the case did not rise to the level prompted by the unjust arrest of a member of the house," Mr. Kawar reportedly told the

Mr. Kawar was also reported to have criticised the government for allowing "a certain govern-ment agency" to "fabricate" the case against the two deputies as well as Mr. Shbeilat for describing the house as "fascist" in a statement to a London-based news paper.

The government insisted that it did not interfere in the case which it said was handled by the independent judiciary.

Sources said that there was also nothing new in what the government said about its policy vis-avis the situation in the Bosnia-Herzegovina or the delay in 'he completion of the Jerash Ar...an Highway, which is way behind in

Even the minister of public works asked that the Amman-Jerash road case be discussed in a public session, according to one deputy.

"It is regrettable" said Mr. Kawar, "that successive governments keep insisting on secrecy" on issues about which nothing is secret.

### No change in elections law — Btoush

(Continued from page 1) for many steps.

He said the Lower House of Parliament has proved to be one of the advanced assemblies because it has dealt with and passed permanent laws that would be effective for years to come, rather than enacting emergency laws. "Thus, it was natural to discuss and study these laws thoroughly, which refutes claims by some people that there were procrastinations in the House debates,"

he said. The minister said the last session of the House, whose term expires today, came contrary to added that the House did not run a publicity campaign in preparations for the next elections, expected later this year.

The House's performance was rational, and continued coordination between the government and the House played a key role in passing many laws which were a cause of controversy and differences in views, he said.

"The meetings held between prime minister (Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker) and parliamentary blocs and independents with various inclinations and views played an important role in reaching compromises which helped make laws fit all views." he said.

Mr. Broush said during the fourth and final session for the House debates between opposing groups on draft laws took place in ducing positive results aiming to serve the public interest. The draft laws were passed in a very satisfactory manner, he added.

U.S., Britain said to shift Iraq policy

(Continued from page I)

tives, Mr. Christopher put human rights on the top of his list. 'We must encourage the democratic revolution that has swept much of the world," he said. "By arengthening democracy, human rights and free markets we do more than honor the universal values upon which our nation is founded. We help ensure our own security and

prosperity. The BBC said: "Nowhere has an American or British official publicly declared this change in policy. That is because both governments know that there are no votes in compromising with Iraq. But the change was signalled by

what was not said. "Questioned after the sanctions review, neither American Ambassador Madeleine Albright nor the British Ambassador Sir David Hannay would repeat the previously stated position of their governments which was that sanctions could not be lifted while Saddam Hussein remained in

It said diplomatic sources confirmed this is intended as a signal to Iraq. It said some Western diplomats had spoken about a possible fresh start.

It said the American and British position remains that sanctions will not be lifted until Iraq is in full compliance with Security Council resolutions. It said this is something they believe President Saddam cannot deliver.

"But privately, the hope is that this change in policy will secure more cooperation from Iraq or at the very least it might prevent a renewed confrontation between Iraq and the United States some time in the future," the BBC reported.

On Monday, the Security Council decided to maintain exnomic sanctions against Iraq. No vote was taken; the sanctions are reviewed every 60 days.

Ms. Albright said after closed Security Council consultations in which members retained the sanctions that Baghdad had not fulfilled its obligations under the Gulf war ceasefire.

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### Israel seals off West Bank

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slumped in their car, riddled with machine gun bullets, and their

weapons gone. "This event represents the bankruptcy of he Rabin govern-ment," sa. Daniel Hazut's ment." brother Gadi, in a remark heard nationwide on army radio. Most recent attacks on Israelis

have happened in the occupied lands, especially the Gaza Strip, which was sealed Monday following the stabbing death of a Jew. But Hadera is a city of more than 40,000, 13 kilometres from the West Bank.

Mr. Rabin, who is also defence minister, cancelled his engagements to deal with the crisis, and a close aide, Housing Minister Benjamin Ben-Eliezer, acknow-

House thinks

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issue was tackled in a secret

session of Parliament in the

penultimate session of its term if

only because of the sensitive na-

ture and implications of the

The media, local, regional,

Arab and international, had a

field day with the case when it

surfaced in August/September

last year. Media suggestions

ranged from "serving notice on

Islamic militant groups" to "re-

moving thorns from the govern-

The royal pardon, described by

Arab and Western political

observers as a "political master-

stroke unparalielled in recent

Arab history," was supposed to

have put the affair to rest. But

Mr. Shbeilat and Sheikh Qarrash

argued that they had a right to let

"the people know the truth" and

hence Monday's session of Parlia-

Originally billed as a "special

ession," the gathering was,

however, held in secret, away

from the listening ears of the

press, and a sense of expectation

prevailed outside the sealed

donors of the doomed Parliament

House Monday evening. But, as

it turned out, it was a case of a

media quest in vain since the

government did not offer any-

thing new on the case or shed

light on any of the aspects of the

affair, according to deputies who

And, quite expectedly, neither

the government nor the House

found it fit to pursue the subject

further after the executive au-

thority presented a statement

saying the affair was handled by

the judiciary and therefore it had

nothing to do with it, and law-

makers heard a "report" pre-

Sheikh Qarrash staged a walk-

"I suffered XI days in prison,

and it is my right to speak for 81

minutes on the record with the

public present to hear it," argued

the bearded deputy. He said he

out from the House after the

speaker ruled that the session be

pared by Mr. Shbeilat.

held in secret.

attended the session.

ment's side."

### ledged that the slaying revealed

"dramatic changes" in the con-

The killing of the two policemen coincided with the 17th anniversary of "Land Day" when Israeli Arabs and Palestinians of the occupied territories commemorate the police killing of six Arabs who protested against government land confiscations.

At least two assailants shot the policemen in the head from close range and took their guns, police said. The patrol car's engine was still running when a delivery man found the bodies.

Police said the assailants apparently shot the two men with automatic rifles before fleeing. It was unclear whether the assailants were from Israel or the occupied territories.

would be committed to accepting

a secret session if a majority of

the deputies present voted it so,

but walked out before the vote

Mr. Shbeilat told the Jordan

"The session was secret but

there is nothing secret about my

report, and I reserve the right to

release it to the public when I find

According to Mr. Shbeilat,

who is one of the most popular

"the government did not offer

any new information on the

"made a general review of the

legality of the case and noted that

it was handled by the judiciary

Mr. Shbeilat described his re-

port, which was distributed in the

House," as "comprehensive,

touching on all aspects of the case

and the perjuries that were com-

"It is a scandal and an embar-

rassment to the government," he

claimed. 'That was why they

wanted to hear it secret in the

No official was available for

comment on the deputy's charges

since proceedings of secret ses-

sion are not supposed to be re-

say in reply to my report, and no

Mr. Shbeilat said. "No vote was

Mr. Shbeilat declined to dis-

cuss further details of the session,

saying that he was bound by the

parliamentary code not to reveal

details of secret session to the

By and large, the conviction of

many Jordanians is that some-

thing was seriously wrong in the

entire affair since many pieces did

not fit into the puzzle. Others,

les in glee and asserted that the

deputy, who was always a thorn

on the side of the executive au-

thority with hard-hitting criticism

since entering Parliament in 1984

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action was taken by the House,"

"No deputy had anything to

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mitted against me in court."

The government's report

parliamentarians in the Kingdom.

Times Tuesday that he reserved

the right to release his "report'

which he read in the House.

was actually taken.

it fit," he said.

branch," he said.

first place."

ing of an incident against a nationalist background," police chief Yaacov Turner said. "I hope this incident will not cause a further deterioration, certainly not today which always is sensi-

"There's no doubt we're speak-

Many of Israel's 750,000 Muslim and Christian Arabs planned marches as in past years on Land Day. Leaders of the uprising also called a general strike in the the impoverished economy of the occupied territories.

Mr. Turner was reluctant to link the attack to Land Day. The killing of a sixth Israeli this month in the occupied Gaza Strip on Monday - Shaya Deutch, 38 - prompted Jewish settlers there to demand Mr. Rabin expel more Palestinians.

ing that they were victims of a

Ministers and officials hinted after a cabinet meeting that more measures could be taken.

was coming to him.

had an iron-clad case.

thority was in session.

Mr. Shbeilat and Sheikh Oarrash

were the leaders of the foreign-

backed group called Shabab Al

Nafeer Al Islami which plotted to

overthrow the monarchy and in-

stall a caliphate-style regime in

Jordan through violent means.

Related charges included posses-

sion of explosives and weapons

The additional charges of de-

famation of His Majesty the King

and Parliament members levelled

against Mr. Shbeilat were seen in

Amman streets as a bait to infuri-

ate and alienate the deputy's col-

leagues in the House. Mr.

Shbeilat was cleared of these

charges in the verdict of the

Theories were many and spe-

culation was rife as to why the

case itself: Was it a case of

conjecture and fabricated evi-

dence as a defence lawyer openly

suggested in court? Or was it a

trial where, despite the guilty

verdict, an overzealous prosecu-

tion bungled its case, tripped and

approach of the security agencies,

the very fact that at least five of

tion maintained - was enough

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indication of "deals."

fell on its face?

and incitement to sedition.

produced by the prosecution served the convictions of many During the run-up to as well as that there was but one way the the trial, both deputies maincase was heading: A guilty vertained their innocence, suggest-

man in December.

Defence Minister Mordechai Gur

them. There is a need to imple-

cross to work in Israel every day.

The money they earn is vital to

occupied territories where

Palestinians have been in revolt

against Israeli occupation for five

Security sources said there was

little else Mr. Rabin could do

except further tighten controls on

Palestinian workers. Israel had

not closed off the entire occupied

territories since the kidnap and

killing of an Israeli border police-

A battery of lawyers, several

There is no need to talk about

Up to 100,000 Palestinians

told army radio.

ment them," he said.

frame-up. But the fact that the Lower House members among intelligence agencies and security them, represented the defence, apparata found it fit to put on adding further drama to the courthem public trial indicated that the prosecution believed that it troom hattle presided over by military judges. Apparently, at that time, the The prosecution played its hand carefully. It went ahead and

dict!

case was not so open-and-shut for arrested the two deputies when the lawmakers since they found themselves being accused of Parliament was in recess, thus being cowed and turned docile by clearing the legal hurdle of having the intended or unintended reto lift the immunity of the lawminder that the security apparata makers while the legislative auof the country still held the upper But the entire labryoth of evihand despite the democratisation dence was mostly circumstantial. The prosecution asserted that

It took some time before the various political forces in Parliament decided to exercise their

A powerful wing of the Muslim Brotherhood, obviously mindful that the affair could set a precedent for a crackdown on Islamic groups, demanded first that the case be rejected out of hand as baseless or that it be tried in a civil court. A few days before the verdict was due, the Brotherhood issued a passionate appeal to the King to pardon the deputies. Other groups pitched in,

echoing accusations of frame-up and demanding the unconditional release of the two deputies. But the odds were too strong against such an eventuality since the prestige of the intelligence agencies and the military establishment was at stake. "The only way out of the crisis

was the Royal pardon," said a veteran political analyst. "And it was a political masterstroke since it signalled a totally new turn in Jordan's life.' The pardon erased all cases of alleged corruption in official cir-

For the Jordanian man on the cles, released hundreds of prisonstreet, long used to the typical ers, and did away with penalties imposed under civil status, thus eliciting an enthusiastic popular the state witnesses testified in welcome which drowned all con-Shbeilat critics and political rivals court while under custody — "in among them, rubbed their knuck- a different case" as the prosecutroversies. "It proffered the right climate

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and opportunity for the lead-Recriminations and court ership to signal a new era," said the analyst. "They could now tell warnings to defence lawyers were plenty, but these, coupled with surprise evidence and witnesses bygones, and let's start afresh."

#### A shot in the Palestinian arm "I cannot detail the (other) measures because we purposely did not detail them in the govern-ment announcement." Deputy

(Continued from page 1) foreign ministers preferred to with Arabs. intensify their contacts with the U.S. by sending delegations to Washington next week, thus responding to invitations extended to them by the U.S. administration on

tions. In a press conference following the meetings, Mr. Sharaa said such meetings "help us all in removing the obstacles impeding the resumption of the peace pro-CUNS.

March 22 to discuss the fu-

ture of the peace process

prior to the planned date of

the next round of negotia-

The three-page final communique reflected the Arab endorsement of the six Palestinian demands which they have tabled as preconditions for their attendance of the peace talks. The sixpoints, accepted in principle by the U.S. during U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's visit to Jerusalem last month, were included in the final communique as demands by Arab foreign ministers that should be met before they appounce they will attend the negotia-

Palestinians have refused to receive the invitation for the next round of talks, and have linked their participation to achieving an Israeli commitment it will not resort to expulsions in the future.

According to political observers here, the Arab adoption of the six-points not only strengthens the negotiating position of the Palestinians in trying to achieve their demands, but it also moved the file of the Palestinian expellees stranded in South Lebanon from the Palestinian circle to the wider Arab and international circles, and reiterated the Arab commitment to a comprehensive settlement, blocking the way for Israeli attempts to sign separate perce treaties

Observers also argued that the unified Arab position and the close coordination between them "was the test of these parties to the attitude of the new American administration in future Arab-Israeli negotiations, particularly since the next round of

ralks would be the first to be

held under this administra-

"The ministers also noted that what was announced during and after the recent visit of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to Washington has raised suspicions and increased Arab concerns over the future of the peace process, particularly concerning the 'strategic partnership' between the U.S. and Israel, which contradicts the American role of honest broker," said the final communique.

Conference sources said that the Damascus meeting could not have come out with a clear decision from Arabs without first solving the Palestinian expellees problem. The only option was for them to keep the door open.

The options facing Arabs at the start of the coordination meeting were either to announce Arab acceptance of the invitation to engage in the neace talks without a solution to the crisis of the expellees, something which embarasses Arabs with their populations who sympathise with the expellees. The other option was or Arabs to disagree in Damascus and fracture the already fragile Arab coordination, or to announce a rejection of the invitation, thus placing Arabs at odds with the new U.S. administration, or to leave the door open for further diplomatic efforts to solve the expellees problem.

### Jordan to seek active EC role

(Continued from page 1)

expellees issue and urge European effort towards (Israeli) implementation of 799 which will make it much easier for Arab participation in resuming peace talks," he said.
"We have to bring the focus

back on the broader peace process and do away with the fine cles in its way," Dr. Abundaber said. "We also want a larger European role in the peace process.

The minister declined to elaborate on how Jordan defined a 'larger role" for Europe in the peace process.

But other senior officials and analysts criticise what they see as a docile European approach to the peace process and a European role subservient to the Americans.

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Europeans are taking a back seat when their links to the Middle East are much stronger and intrinsic than the Americans," said a senior official. "They have let the Americans take the leading role and guide the peace efforts." 'After all, who is closer to the

Middle East - the Europeans or the Americans?" asked the official who preferred anonymity.

Affalysis noted that recent EC moves do indicate a fresh Euro-

pean approach to the Middle East, particularly the Belgian decision early this month to upgrade the status of the PLO mission in Brussels and the lifting of a British ban on high-level contacts with the PLO. "Perhaps there is a new Euro-

pean perspective of the Middle East," said the senior official. "But we have to wait and see the outcome of the EC delegation's mission to the Middle East."

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### Krabbe suspension trimmed

track federation has trimmed sprint star Katrin Krabbe's suspension in a drug violation case. allowing her to resume her career this August, news reports said Tuesday.

That raised the possibility of Krabbe taking part in the World track and field championships in Stuttgart, which start August 13. However, International Amateur Athletics Federation (IAAF) General Secretary Istvan Gyulai said Tuesday Krabbe would not be able to compete at the Stuttgart Championships because she would not have recorded a qualifying time in competition.

The German Athletics Federation (DLV) said Tuesday that its arbitration panel had decided Krabbe, Grit Breuer and Manuela Derr were free to run from August 13. The Stuttgart World Championships start on the following day.
"The ban has been cut to one

year and the September decision for a four-year ban cancelled," DLV doping official Norbert

"The panel decided that there was no clear doping offence but has punished the athletes for "unsportsmanlike behaviour."

In a statement later the DLV said it would accept the panel's ruling but would not announce a detailed reason for the decision before the end of next week.

The DLV will, of course, completely respect the decision of the panel as its highest decisionmaking body," the statement said.

Krabbe, Breuer and Derr were suspended last September for taking the drug clenbuterol.

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**NBA STATISTICS** 

NEW YORK (AP) - NBA individual scoring, field goal percen-

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tage, rebounding and assist leaders through March 28:



Breuer has also been banned for a year but Derr, who did not test positive for the drug but admitted to taking it, has been

banned for eight months.

It was Krabbe and Breuer's second successful appeal against a drugs ban in a year. Last June the two athletes were cleared of manipulating urine samples through a legal technicality.

Tuesday's decision seems both a result of the same legal technicality and the confused status of cleabuterol.

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Krabbe and Breuer escaped a four-year ban for tampering with urine samples when the DLV admitted it had no clause in its regulations permitting it to con-

duct out-of-competition tests. The same pair plus Derr tested positive for clenbuterol in July but the DLV did not update its rules providing for random tests until November.

Accordingly the only ban possi-ble under DLV rules was a maximum two-year suspension for "unsportsmanlike conduct."

Karpov

Kasparov

MOSCOW (R) — Russian grand-

master Anatoly Karpov has ac-cused arch-rival Garry Kasparov

of sparking a row over the World

Championship that could plunge

Karpov said in an interview

that Kasparov, like champions of

the past such as Emanuel Lasker

and Jose Raul Capablanca, was

bent on dict: ting his own terms

"We are now threatened with a

return to the times of complete

anarchy and boundless diktat by

the current champion," Karpov

told the Russian newspaper Trud

"Only he intends to decide

when and whom he wants to play

Karpov was commenting on a

decision by Kasparov and British challenger Nigel Short to stage their title match outside the au-

spices of the World Chess body

fide to win players more say in

professional chess.
"As far as I understand, most

leading world grandmasters do

not support this initiative," Kar-

FIDE last week effectively

stripped Kasparov of his title and

said it would ask Karpov and

Dutchman Jan Timman to play for the world crown instead.

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### France's Simian beats Bergstrom

OSAKA (AP) — Stephane Simian of France, smashing eight service aces, beat Christian Bergstrom of Sweden 6-3, 6-2 Tuesday in the first round of the \$500,000 Salem Open tennis tournament.

In other first-round matches on the hard courts at Esaka Tennis Centre in Osaka, Western Japan, Americans Doug Flach, Chuck Adams and Steve Bryan were all

Flach beat Gouichi Motomura of Japan 6-0, 6-2, Adams downed Yasufumi Yamamoto of Japan 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, and Bryan defeated Jamie Morgan of Australia 6-1,

Shuzo Matsuoko of Japan scored a 6-2, 7-5 victory over Kim Bong-Soo of South Korea.

In doubles, top-seeded Jim Grabb of the United States and Todd Woodbridge of Australia beat the Japanese pair of Daijiro Furusho and Tommy Shimada

Third seeds Glenn Michibata of Canada and David Pate of the United States beat Kent Kinnear and Sven Salumaa of the United States 6-2, 6-3.

Mark Keil of the United States and Cristo Van Rensburg of south Africa downed American brothers Luke and Mulphy Jensen 6-4, 6-4.



Stephane Simian

In the 11 remaining first-round singles matches Wednesday, topseeded American Jim Courier meets Stefano Pescosolido of Itaand second-seeded Michael

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MADRID (AP) — Spanish First-Division team Atletico Madrid Monday named Argentine Armando Ramon "cacho" Heredia its new coach, replacing Argentine Omar Pastoriza who resigned last week after a run-in with club president Jesus Gil Y Gil. Heredia becomes the club's 11th coach since Gil Y Gil took over the presidency in the 1987-88 season. He is a former Atletico player and was coaching Avila, a Spanish second-division club. Pastoriza resigned March 22 after only five spot with Romania and Czechoslovakia. weeks heading the club. He replaced Luis Aragones who was fired in February.

### De La Hoya will make 10-round debut May 8

LAS VEGAS (AP) - Olympic gold medallist Oscar de La Hoya will make his 10-round debut May 8 when he meets Frankie Avelar in a lightweight fight at Lake Taboe, promoters announced Monday. De La Hoya, undefeated in five professional fights, will try for his sixth consecutive knockout in the scheduled 10-round bout against Avelar, who holds the North American Boxing Federation lightweight title. Avelar, of Las Vegas, is 15-3 with seven knockouts. He has won nine of his last 10 bouts.

### Greek club banned for 2 years

MUNICH (R) - Greek basketball club Aris for two years Monday. The ban follows the violent scenes at the European Cup Winners' Cup final earlier this month when Aris fans rioted and attacked SK Istanbul players. The International Basketball Federation (FIBA) said it had also fined Aris 50,000 marks (\$30,860) and ruled that the club pay for all the damage to the Turin Stadium where the final was played March 16. 'Aris are disqualified from all European club competitions for the next two seasons for which the club qualifies," the Munich-based organisation said in a statement

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### Atletico Madrid name 11th coach since 1987 Giggs likely to shoulder Welsh hopes

CARDIFF (R) - Wales look likely to call on brilliant teenager Ryan Giggs to keep their World Cup hopes alive Wednesday against runaway leaders Belgium. Belgium, inspired by Enzo Scifo, already appear sure of reaching the 1994 finals in the United States after recording six wins in their first six Group Four games. Wales, beaten 2-0 by the Belgians in Brussels last November, need to win to stay in the battle for the second qualifying

#### Boitano applies for reinstatement

NEW YORK (R) - Former Olympic figure skating champion Brian Boitano announced Monday he has applied for reinstatement from the U.S. Figure Skating Association (USFSA) and the International Skating Union (ISU) to be eligible for the 1994 Olympics. Boitano, who won men's gold at the 1988 Calgary Games, turned professioan after winning the 1988; World Championships in Budapest. He has been the undefeated world professional champion the last five years. One-time reinstatement to amateur competition from the professional ranks was approved by the ISU last june.

### Syensson, Medyedey advance at Estoril

Salonika were banned from European competition ESTORIL (AP) — Swede Jonas Svensson rallied to defeat Spain's Alejo Macisidor 2-6, 6-1, 6-1 Monday to advance to the second round of the \$525,000 Estoril Open tennis tournament. Svensson, ranked 67th in the world, ousted Mancisidor in a match that last one hour and 43 minutes. Ukrainian Andrei Medvedev breezed past Spaniard Alberto Berasategui 6-2, 6-2. The Estoril Open is the first claycourt tournament of the AFP season. No. 1 seed Ivan Lendl begins play against Spain's Marcos Gorriz, while defending champion Carlos Costa, the No. 2 seed, plays Italian Renzo

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY MARCH 31, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righler Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This is a good day to do the brainwork necessary to understand what this scientific age is briunging about for the good of man and then apply what you learn to your own cir-

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You have all sorts of interesting plans for the future and you can have a considerable amount of success in making them work, especially since your charm is at a new peak.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Consider what your attachment most wants you to do and please that person by doing it with a flair and romance then all will be most delightful.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Make a point today to be with the most direct and outspoken associates you can contact and get them to advise you about future poten-

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't procrastinate today but get not whatever your tasks happen to be and reap the benefits that come to you through a job well done.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You can have just as good a time as you wish today and it will depend on making the appointments and seeing the persons who bring you

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) Start this day on a constructive note by getting everything arranged at your home and where

your family and property is con-cerned as you prefer. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) This is the day when getting important desk work and reports out can bring you quick advance-ment towards a more secure

stable existence. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Before you get involved in that interesting new plan of a material nature make sure you have gotten rid of all remaining

aspects of present bus SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Your own outlet is not as good as those with whom you have had considerable satisfac-tory association to depend upon them, allow their suggestions.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You have the right slant on just what to do now to gain your intimate urges so consider them carefully and then go and go them with case.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Use your strength of character and abilities now to carry through with that interesting course already begun and don't det a carping person waylay you.

PISCES: (February 20 to Match 20) Your own judgement is not foo good now but that of those with whom you have some outside association can bring you good williof the general public.



"If you have a boring marriage, maybe it's because you are boring people!"

### JUMBILE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Hend Arnold Unscremble these four Jumbles TANGE GEALL INCLEY WHAT PRETTY ACTRESSES RE-CEIVE FROM MANY A MALE FAN. **LIMFAY** Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-gested by the above cartoon.

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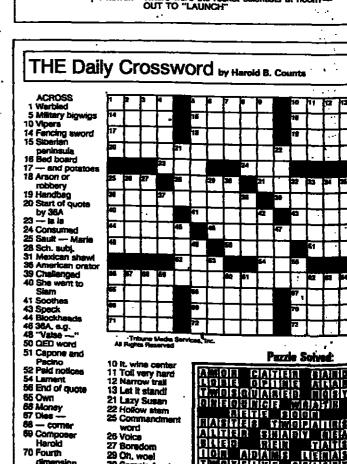
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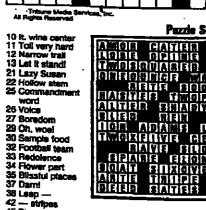
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### Britain's BAT'92 pre-tax profit soars

LONDON (R) — Record earnings from tobacco helped push 1992 pre-tax profit at tobacco and financial services giant BAT Industries 68 per cent higher to £1.65 billion (\$2.4 billion), the aroup has said.

London-headquartered BAT said profits would have been up a further £29 million (\$41.8 milhion) if it had not adopted a new

Brazilian accounting standard. The company also announced a bonus issue of ordinary shares on a one for one basis.

Chairman Patrick Sheehy noted a turnaround in the group's financial services division, po-wered by its wholly owned U.S. insurance subsidiary Farmers - Group Inc., and a return to profit at its British insurer Eagle Star.

Sir Sheehy said recovery in Britain, both from Eagle Star and higher cigarette exports, helped boost the group's earnings per share to 58.7 pence from 24.8

fidence in the continuing growth of both businesses, this advance has enabled the board to recommend a final dividend of 22.6 ence, an increase for the year of 11 per cent," he added.

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Sir Sheehy said BAT was offering the share bonus issue in a bid to encourage share ownership among smaller investors. It took similar step in 1983.

The results came in the top end of share analysts' forecasts and BAT shares initially jumped 22 pence to 959 pence each.

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### Judge gives Murdoch temporary control of New York Post NEW YORK (R) - A bankrupt-

cy judge breathed new life into the ailing New York Post Monday by granting Rupert Murdoch temporary control of the America's oldest continuously pub-

The Post is out of money and could have been closed Monday afternoon without the ruling placing media-magnate Murdoch at the helm immediately.

Judge Francis Conrad said during a phone conference monitored by Reuters that he had signed a conditional order transferring control of the Post to Mr. Murdoch from real estate developer Abraham Hirschfeld. "Mr. Murdoch... may start printing the New York Post im-

mediately," Mr. Conrad said. "There is no better man than Rupert Murdoch to clean up the Post," said Mr. Hirschfeld at the end of Monday's hearing. "God bless Rupert Murdoch.

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Australian-born Murdoch appeared at the Post immediately after the hearing where he was greeted by a cheering staff. This is a very emotional mo-

ment for me," he told reporters as he walked around the newsroom shaking hands. "But the real heroes of the moment are

He told them he wanted the paper to be "cheeky," "anti-establishment," and appealing to the "working man."

"I want a great fresh start for the New York Post. I want to return to basic journalism," he

Under an agreement reached between Mr. Hirschfeld and Mr. Murdoch Sunday, control of the Post would be transferred to a subsidiary of Mr. Murdoch's News Corp, for two months while Mr. Murdoch negotiates with creditors and federal regulators. The subsidiary is called NYP Acquisi-

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tion Corp. Mr. Murdoch, who owned the paper from 1977-1988, was forced to sell the tabloid because of a federal rule that prevented him owning a television station and newspaper in the same market.

If the Murdoch cannot win a waiver of the rule, the agreement to own the paper will terminate, lawyers agreed during Monday's

A hearing on the implementation of the management agreement and over disputes concerning the payment of payroll taxes is scheduled for Wednesday in bankruptcy court.

Last week, creditors moved in court to end Mr. Hirschfeld's management contract because he failed to pay some of the paper's bills. The paper had \$591,000 in weekend bills due and only \$360,000 in cash on Monday

morning. Under the agreement, Mr. Murdoch's NYP Acquisition will give Mr. Hirschfeld the \$1 million he put up in an unsecured loan. It will also insure Hirschfeld is paid for a \$1.57 million loan guaran-teed by the Post's advertising and circulation revenues

The 192-year-old Post hs not fared well since Mr. Murdoch sold it. It is now in bankruptcy and has been shaken in recent weeks by changes in management

# Coffee prices tumble

prices fell Tuesday and commodity market analysts said more short-term declines were possible in the absence of any progress at international price stabilisation talks in London and a rise in U.S.

"There are a few things going wrong at the same time. The amazing thing is that the ICO (International Coffee Organisation) hasn't done anything positive for 3-1/2 years out still seems capable of having a negative impact on the market," analyst Peter Kettle of commodities house E. D. and F. Man said.

The ICO talks, which began about 10 days in London, are due to end on Wednesday and few experts believe a pact will emerge.

"I think the talks are pretty much all but over, in which case the market is reacting to that," analyst Lawrence Eagles of brokers GNI said.

Disagreements over how to split export quotas led to the collapse of the last economic international pact in July 1989 and led to a rush to shipments resulting in high consumer stocks and historically low prices.

## **Iranian trade** deficit grows

NICOSIA. Cyprus (AP) — Iranian exports to major industrialised nations have dropped by about 40 per cent since March last year. Tehran radio reported Tuesday.

Imports, however, have grown by about one third, the radio said in

a report about the country's increasing deficit. The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said Iranian exports shrunk to \$6.1 billion, while imports ballooned from \$9 billion to \$12 billion. Iran's main trading partner are Germany, Japan, Italy, France, Britain and the United States, the radio said.

Despite political acrimony that has marred U.S.-Iranian ties since the rise of the Islamic revolution in 1979, the United States rates as Iran's sixth largest trading partner.

Last year, the United States began allowing imports of Iranian oil. It exports mainly electronic good to Iran.

A drop in Japanese imports from Iran, especially oil, was largely responsible for the growing deficit, the radio said. The inflated deficit is yet another blow to Iran's economy, which

has never recovered from the upheaval of the 1979 Islamic revolution and the ravages of the 1980-88 war with Iraq. Iran's import bill over the past 12 months was estimated at \$29 billion, against a budget estimate of \$19.8 billion.

Last year the government flooded the market with consumer goods to placate a population fed up with shortages.

Last year Iran fell behind on payments, damaging its international

credit rating. In December, its arrears to Japan alone were reported at \$483 million. Oil exports are the lifeline of the Iranian economy. Tehran also

exports carpets, caviar and dried fruits, but imports almost every-

#### Cigarette Ukrainian tax threat currency loses half mobilises U.S. its value KIEV (R) — Ukraine's temportobacco ary currency collapsed Tuesday, losing half its value against the

the nation's largest tobacco-

producing state are preparing to

fight what some say is the biggest

threat to their livelihood in de-

al health insurance plan.

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price of a pack of cigarettes to more than \$4, and farmers fear

that would cut consumption of

"How much more do we have

asks 38-year-old Rouse

to pay? Why make tobacco pay it

Ivey, a second-generation grow-

Mr. Ivey and other tobacco

farmers in North Carolina are

used to criticism of their way of

life. They feed their families with

profits from a crop that is blamed

for thousands of deaths each

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on him. That's how I feel. The

tobacco farmer is down so let's

jump on him," Mr. Ivey said.

I've seen in 17 years I've been raising tobacco," Mr. Ivey said

last week. He said the tax idea

isn't as big a threat as the surgeon

general's report in the 1960s that

said smoking was a health hazard.

crossroad general store, a hang-

out for farmers, to pick up an

anti-tax petition he had dropped

off a few days earlier. One hun-

dred people — some farmers, some not — had signed.

"There are people here like car dealers, truck drivers and other

people whose livelihood de-

pends on tobacco," he said.

He stopped by Summerlin's

"We're under the worst attack

"Out in a chicken yard, if one

U.S. dollar in interbank trading. farmers The karbovanets fell to 3.000 KENANSVILLE, North Carolito the dollar from last week's na (AP) — Tobacco farmers in level of 2,050 at the interbank

currency exchange. "It looks like a catastrophe" said one exchange official, without offering any explanation for the plunge.

Their enemy is the Clinton The karbovanets was introadministration and a mere sugduced in the former Soviet repubgestion that the president might lic more than a year ago at par to propose higher taxes on tobacco the Russian rouble pending the products to help pay for a nationlaunch of a full-fledged currency, the hrivnya. The tax could increase the

It fell steadily throughout last year and until now had been trading at about three to the rouble. But its value had been stable for the past two months. Sources close to the government blamed the country's central bank, saying it was responsible

for a huge increase in money-supply in February and March which they said was eroding the currency's value. The sources said the move effectively torpedoed the tight money policies pursued by Prime Minister Leonid Kuchma since he

took office last October. They predicted a huge jump in monthly inflation figures. Mr. Kuchma's firm hand on spending has been credited for

bringing monthly inflation down from 50 per cent in December to about 20 per cent last month. Mr. Kuchma last week

announced the creation of a special commission to investigate an increase in monetary growth of 1.5 trillion karbovanets (\$500 million at the new rate), twice the planned level.

### Italian lira steals the show on Europe's foreign exchanges

LONDON (R) — The dollar was a currency sideshow Tuesday as the free-falling lira, touching new lows on fears that Italy's scandaltainted government may collapse, took centre stage on Europe's foreign exchanges.

Dealers grown weary of track-ing the political crisis in Russia turned to the trumoil in Italy and weighed the implications of the election of a centre-right government in France after years of

left-wing supremacy. European bourses were modestly higher, with French shares spurting ahead on hopes that the new administration might cut interest rates. The bouncy French franc held on to gains against the mark following the country's

Oil prices drifted lower, while

gold rose around \$2 an ounce helped by strong Asian buying. The free-floating lira was given a helping hand by central bank intervention after coming within a whisker of the key 1,000 per mark level as talk of a possible collapse of the government of Prime Minister Giuliano Amato gripped the money markets.

"Italy is looking in a fairly perilous state at the moment and it's only a matter of time before we got through 1,000," said David Brown, chief economist at Tokai Bank in London.

The rumours were triggered by news that President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro had called crisis meetings with political leaders, a possible sign that the government is to be dismissed.

Prime Minister Giuliano Amato, shaken by claims that postwar leaders may have had mafia connections, was himself summoned to meet Mr. Scalfaro Tuesday. "It seems clear that Amato will not stay on board anymore," said Giorgio Secomandi, head of treasury at Ban-

que Nationale de Paris in Milan. The dollar showed little reaction to a move by the powerful German Bundesbank to set a variable repurchase agreement, a buy-back deal designed to inject

liquidity into the market. It was steady, at 1.6275 German marks and 116.90 Japanese yen in late morning trading, slightly down from Monday's

Euroepean close of 1.6305 marks The lira touched a succession of record lows against the mark, trading as low as 999.20 to the

German unit, compared with Monday's close of 992.25. At 1120 GMT it was at 997.00 per mark. On London's International Petroleum Exchange, crude

prices were weak in thin trading. The benchmark Brent blend of crude for May delivery fell four cents to 18.75 a barrel.

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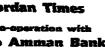
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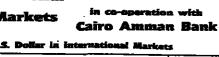
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| Lebanese Lira"   | 0.03815       | 0.04150 |  |
| Saudi Riyal      | 0.1827        | 0.1845  |  |
| Kuwaiti Dinar    | 2,2450        | 2.2800  |  |
| Qatari Riya!     | 0.1862        | 0.1880  |  |
| Egyptian Pound   | 0.1940        | 0.2160  |  |
| Omani Riyal      | 1.7580        | 1.7800  |  |
| UAE Dirham       | 0.1862        | 0.1880  |  |
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| Insurance Sector  | 215.03  |       | 213.05  | •     |  |
| Industry Sector   | 279.89  |       | 279:24  |       |  |
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### **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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One ounce of gold \$333.75/334.25

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### U.N. readies new Bosnian airlift

ited Nations is ready to restart its helicopter evacuation of wounded Muslims from Srebrenica Wednesday if it obtains approval from Bosnian Serbs, a U.N. military spokesman said Tuesday.

The first helicopter airlift from the besieged eastern Bosnian town last Wednesday was called of after the Serbs shelled the landing zone, killing at least three people and wounding six, including two Canadian U.N. soldiers.

By mid-morning, Bosnia's 48-hour-old ceasefire appeared generally to be still holding, despite some violations.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) was trying to get another aid convoy of 16 trucks into Srebrenica, from where more than 2,000 people were evacuated Monday to the Muslims' northern Bosnian stronghold of Tuzla.

"We have been guaranteed safe passage," said UNHCR spokesman John MacMillan, although the convoy remained stuck at the border.

On Monday, desperate re-fugees crammed into the U.N. trucks and two people died during the eight-hour journey to Tuzla. A haby was killed when the tailgate of one of the trucks sprang open and some 25 people fell out on to the road.

Ron Redmond, UNHCR spokesman in Geneva, said the Mayhem showed the need for regular U.N. convoys to bring food and medicines to people stranded in remote eastern Bos-

sperate people in that town who would do anything to get out, - -

United Nations to get a regular convoy lifeline to convince people that they will not be left there alone to die," he said.
"It was absolute chaos in Sreb-

renica," Mr. Redmond told a news briefing. "As soon as the trucks unloaded, people rushed the trucks and jumped on, Some stayed on the trucks all night." Mr. Redmond said that when

the next U.N. convoy reached Srebrenica it was hoped that a more orderly system for evacuating refugees could be worked out.

The U.N. has generally preferred to distance itself from the evacuation of civilians in Bosnia as this might expose it to charges that it is helping with "ethnic cleansing," the forcible removal of one ethnic group by another.

UNIICR relief workers in Srebrenica have reported that after 11 months of siege, shelling and little food, the 60,000 inhabitants are reaching the end of their

The U.N. was also concerned that its next helicopter airlift might be endangered by crowds mobbing the aircraft as soon as they landed.

U.N. spokesman Major Martin Waters said: "The air operations are planning another evacuation

He said the go-ahead would depend on whether the commander of U.N. troops in Bosnia, General Philippe Morillon, received clearance from the Bos-

Four French Puma helicopters would be used in the operation, Waters said.

Mr. Waters said that if

which highlights the need for the Wednesday's operation went ahead, the helicopters would make two runs.

"On the last trip they got most of the seriously wounded out and there are just wounded now, but they are not so serious," he said.

The U.N. brokered truce seemed to be holding. Despite charges from each side that the other had violated the truce, none of the incidents appeared to mark a return to full-scale hostili-

Sarajevo Radio said the Bosnian capital was calm overnight and there had only been sporadic violations across Bosnia.

Commanders of Bosnia's warring Serb, Croat and Muslim forces are due to meet at Sarajevo Airport on April 6 under the Chairmanship of the head of U.N. troops in former Yugoslavia, General Lars-Eric Wahlgren, to discuss how to stop

The Muslims and the Croats have signed a peace plan drawn up by mediators Cyrus Vance and Lord Owen, but the Bosnian Serbs have said they cannot accept the way it divides Bosnia.

U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali urged the Security Council Monday to approve the U.N.-mediated peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovina and call on Bosnian Serbs to sign it.

In a report to the Security Council on the latest round of peace talks that ended Thursday at the United Nations, Dr. Ghali also recommended that internacities linked to "ethnic cleansing"

### Amato to stay until new government found

ROME: (R) — Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato will not resign unless a new government can be found to take the place of his discredited four-party coali-tion, state television said Tues-

day.
The Socialist premier spent the morning in talks with state President Oscar Luigi Scalfaro to try to resolve the crisis surrounding Italy's scandal-

tainted government.

The meeting, which included Senate Speaker Giovanni Spadolini and Chamber of Deputies (lower house) speaker Giorgio Napolitano, broke for lunch around 1230 (GMT. No statements were issued.

Socialist Deputy Enrico Manca said earlier Mr. Amato would put his job at Mr. Scalfaro's disposal. Analysts expect the president to ask the two speakers to see if they can form a broad-based government of consensus to tide the country through until electoral reforms can be passed and new elections held, probably in Octo-

"The time has come for the president of the republic to take the necessary initiatives in the situation," Mr. Manca added. Mr. Manca was one of a group

of Socialists who met with the

prime minister on Tuesday morning.
Meanwhile Italian magistrates say they have been given testimony that former Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, a major figure in the country's post-war politics.

was known almost affectionately

to the mafia as "uncle."

A 246-page report by Palermo magistrates discards hearsay evidence that Mr. Andreotti had undergone an initiation ceremony as a member of the mafia but accuses him of links to cosa nostra from at least 1978... certainly to 1992."

Mr. Andreotti himself strongly denies the accusations and says he is the victim of mafia revenge ordered because of firm action his last government took against organised crime.

On Tuesday a Senate jury was due to start sifting through the crateful of documents sent by the magistrates. Mr. Andreotti, seven times premier, is a life member of the upper house of parliament.

Mr. Andreotti, in a column written for the Italian magazine Tuesday stro clared his innocence.

### **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF**

### Clinton nominates AID chief

WASHINGTON (R) - President Bill Clinton has nominated former State Department Assistant Secretary Brian Atwood as head of the the Agency for International Development (AID). "I am confident that he will be the kind of effective administrator that our foreign assistance programmes need at this time," Mr. Clinton said in a statement. "His proven effectiveness and his commitment to democratic change make him an ideal choice. Mr. Atwood served as assistant secretary of state for congressional relations during the administration of former President Jimmy Carter. Since 1985 he headed the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, a political development group.

### Azeris launch new Karabakh offensive

MOSCOW (R) - Armenia Tuesday said Azeri forces had launched a major attack to try to recapture a strip of land leading to the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh. A spokesman for the Azeri Defence Ministry dismissed the report as "nonsense" and said Armenian forces had seized 10 Azeri villages along the border between the two republics. Local journalists in the Armenian capital Yerevan, quoting defence forces in Nagorno-Karabakh, said the Azeri army was trying to cut the Lachin supply corridor, which leads from Armenia into the mountainous territory. "The Azeri army is using tanks and artillery — fierce battles are raging. The Karabakh Self-Defence Forces are trying to repel them," one journalist said.

#### 'Little chance of IRA ceasefire'

DUBLIN (R) - The leader of the Irish Republican Army's (IRA) political wing said he sees little chance of the guerrilla group agreeing to a unilateral ceasefire in the Northern Ireland conflict. Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams said he would not call on the IRA to halt one of the world's longest-running guerrilla conflicts which has claimed more than 3,000 lives since 1969. He told the Irish Times in an interview published Tuesday: "It would be pointless. The IRA would not agree. I see little chance of the IRA unilaterally deciding to stop." The IRA has been hit by a hacklash of revulsion after it killed two children in a bomb blast in the English town of Warrington. Up to 20,000 people joined a protest rally in Dublin Sunday to plead "give peace a chance." Meanwhile a convicted IRA killer was found guilty Monday of murdering a policeman and the attempted murder of three others. Paul Magee shot constable Glenn Goodman, 37, twice in the chest at point-blank range when police stopped his car for a routine check last June. Mr. Magee, 45, was convicted of trying to kill Goodman's partner, Constable Alexander Kelly, and, in a separate incident shortly afterward, of trying to kill Constables Mark Whitehouse and Susan Larkin.

### 2 leaders of Tajik Popular Front killed

MOSCOW (R) - The two main leaders of Tajikistan's Popular Front, which propelled the Central Asian republic's new leadership to power late last year, have been killed in mysterious circumstances. The press secretary at Tajikistan's embassy in Moscow Tuesday said Popular Front leader Sangak Safarov and his deputy Faizuli Saidov - who had argued bitterly over the movement's aims — were killed overnight. "Yes, it is true, they are dead, but I have no further details," Rakhim Hasanov said in a telephone interview. ITAR-TASS News Agency published conflicting reports from the republic which said the two men had either died in a car crash or in a fight.

#### 6 die in Thai Air Force crash

BANGKOK (R) — A Thai Air Force Boeing 737 jetliner sometimes used by the Thai royal family crashed in northeast

#### tional human rights monitors be sent to Bosnia, where there have "There were thousands of dewith some British crewmen, Mr. been widespread reports of atro-

WASHINGTON (Agencies) --Even before an aid package for Russia is completed. President Bill Clinton is taking on the job of persuading Americans it will be

money well spent. Secretary of State Warren Christopher planned to make the case for the aid to a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee Tuesday.

Foreign aid is usually unpopular with both the public and Congress. And this is a year of budget squeeze and impending tax in-Still, Mr. Clinton said Monday

in Little Rock, Ark., he would try to convince Americans that we've got a big interest" in helping Russia to keep President Boris Yeltsin's reforms alive. "My job as president is to

convince the citizens of this country that they have an immediate and personal interest in the out-"I think I can do it and I'm has given assurances that aid

going to do my best." Mr. Clinton will hold a two-day summit with Mr. Yeltsin in Van-

couver, Canada, beginning Satur-The president was in Little Rock with his wife, Hillary, Her 81-year-old father, Hugh Rodham, was in critical condition

after a stroke suffered earlier this month. The White House said Mr. Clinton was reviewing a lengthy memo from Anthony Lake, his National Security Assistant, on summit issues and preparation for

the Yeltsin meeting.

Speaking briefly with reporters, Mr. Clinton said the United States gives "a lot more money than we give to Russia to smaller countries.'

Israel is the largest recipient of aid, \$3 billion annually in economic and military assistance, followed by figypt, which gets \$2.1 billion. Mr. Christopher already

would not be trimmed.

The administration plans to increase aid to Russia and other than \$700 million in fiscal 1994, up from \$417 million this year. The Wall Street Journal reported Monday that Mr. Clinton was considering an additional \$1 billion for Moscow. U.S. officials neither confirmed nor denied the

Told that polls show that 75 per cent of Americans believe Rusis getting enough aid from the United States, Mr. Clinton said, "well, foreign aid is enpopular in every country in the world, and it's always been unpopular

"The American people are smart enough to know that we can't determine the course of events in Russia all by ourselves. They know that. But we can have President Clinton Monday re-

### Clinton to try to convince Americans on Russian aid

burning their properties.

In his report, Dr. Ghali said

any moves to enforce a no-fiv

zone over Bosnia, toughen sanc-

tions against Serbia or place U.N.

military observers around the for-

mer Yugoslav republics border

should be accompanied by "the

Security Council's unqualified en-

dorsement of the peace pack-

Council to approve the whole

peace package and to call upon

the Bosnian Serbs to sign," he

2 Serbs sentenced

to death in Bosnia

A Bosnian war crimes court

sentenced two Bosnian Serb sol-

diers Tuesday to death by firing

squad for murder, rape and rob-

bery during the civil war in the

Borislav Herak, 22, who admit-

ted raping 16 Muslim women and

killing II of them, told the

judges: "I have deserved this." Co-defendant Sretko Dam-

janovic, 31, said he would appeal. He claimed that a confession he

made to Muslim authorities after

his arrest was beaten out of him.

Bosnian Serbs army which has besieged Sarajevo for almost a

year. They were arrested when

they stumbled on a Muslim

checkpoint in the city last

The authorities charged them

with genocide as agents of a

systematic effort to create "pure"

Serb areas by raping and murder-

ing Muslim women, executing

Muslim civilians and looting and

November.

Both men were fighters in the

former Yugoslav republic.

"It strongly urge the Security

ceived enthusiastic support for his appraoch to Russia from an old foe — former Secretary of State former Soviet republics to more James Baker — but also got warned about being dragged into Bosnia's civil war.

Mr. Baker, who resigned as secretary of state to become White House chief of staff and to direct former President George Bush's failed re-election campaign, -told the Cable News Net-work (CNN) that Mr. Clinton is "absolutely right" in support of Mr. Yeltsin.

In his first interview since leaving office on Jan. 20, Mr. Baker endorsed U.S. aid to Russia. which Mr. Clinton h as promised to increase, althoug the former secretary stressed that "there's a limit as to what we can do."

Mr. Baker rejected criticism that Mr. Clinton is sticking at Mr. Yeltsin too closely while the Russiege at home.

Thailand Tuesday, killing six people. Officials at Khon Kaen Airport said the dead were five Thai Air Force officers and an unidentified male Caucasian. The officials said the aircraft, which the air force bought from national carrier Thai Airways International Ltd, failed to regain altitude shortly after its pilot radioed that he had technical problems. The Boeing plunged on to an empty field about 10 kilometres from the airport about two minutes before its scheduled landing. It was on a familiarisation flight between Bangkok and Khon Kaen.

### Eastwood wins Oscars for himself and the western as art form

to come up with better roles for

LOS ANGELES (R) Hollywood finally made Clint Eastwood's day at the Academy Awards Monday, handing him Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director for his tough guy west-

ern. Unforgiven. For Eastwood, the doublebarrel Oscar wins were both a personal triumph and in his words recognition and respectability for the western as an American art

Veteran actor Al Pacino, who like Fastwood was snubbed for decades by Oscar voters, also finally got his due, breaking a 20-year losing streak, to win the Best Actor Award for his role as a blind and embittered retired army officer in Columbia Pictures' Scent Of A Woman.

of the Academy Awards, was Emma Thompson, a fast-rising star of screen and stage, who won the Oscar for Best Actress for her role in the lush Edwardian romance Howards End.

Once dismissed by critics as a tight-lipped "spaghetti western" actor who let his six-shooters do the talking, Eastwood at last won critical acclaim for Unforgiven, a movie that repudiates the myth of the violent outlaw hero he helped

Unforgiven was the night's biggest winner. It scooped up Academy Awards for Best Pic-

ture, Best Director (Eastwood), Best Supporting Actor (Gene Leading a mini-British invasion Hackman) and Best Film Editing. Eastwood told reporters that he did not think some of his earlier box-office hits deserved an Oscar but he believed his more

recognition.

wasn't ready to recognise an American art form, the western," Eastwood, 62, one of the world's biggest box-office draws,

produced the film under the Warner Bros. Studio umbrella and starred in it. "This is pretty good. This is all right," he told the audience after receiving the director's award. Moments later, when the actor

returned for his second accolade, his voice quaked with emotion. 'This is just the wonderful one,' he said.

Eastwood, whose muttered taunt "make my day" in a 1983 Dirty Harry detective movie became the catchphrase of the decade, was a popular winner. He received lengthy standing ova-tions each time he walked to the podium.

Pacino, who had been nominated six times before without an Oscar win to his credit, was eesta-tically grateful. "You broke my streak," he said. "Thanks so much for this."

Thompson, a first-time Oscar nominee who had already picked up a half-dozen other best-actress honours since Christmas, was the odds-on favourite to win as a pair of independent British productions made their mark.

Howards End, produced by Merchant Ivory Productions and distributed by Sony Pictures Classics, was the top performer of the up-and-coming arthouse sensa-tions, also taking Best Adapted Screenplay and Best Art Direc-

As presenters and winners stepped on to centre stage in the film's industry's biggest, glitziest annual show, politics intruded on the ceremony in a way not seen since the 1970s.

Speaking before a TV audience of more than one billion, actor Richard Gere --- a Buddhist who for years has supported Tibetan independence — launched a scathing attack on Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and his country's

human rights record. Elizabeth Taylor made an emotional plea for better treatment for AIDS sufferers. Thompson and others called on Hollywood

women. recent films were overdue for "This is the year of the woman, when better roles are supposed to "But at that time the Academy be being created for women. But this has been one of the worst years since celluloid was invented for women," Thompson told re-

porters after the awards. The 33-year-old Thompson, who is married to British actor and director Kenneth Branagh, said: "I would like ...to dedicate this Oscar to the heroism and courage of women and I hope it will inspire the creation of more true screen heroines to represent

them." Susan Sarandon and her companion, Tim Robbins, called for fair treatment of IIIV-infected Haitian refugees, and Barbara Trent, co-producer of the Oscarwinning documentary The Pana-ma Deception, called for improved human rights in Panama.

The politically charged re-marks were reminiscent of the 1970s, when performers such as Marlon Brando and Vanessa Redgrave used the Oscar podium to push their favourite causes. Newcomer Marisa Tomei stun-

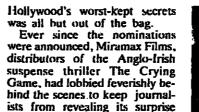
ned Hollywood by winning an Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role as a fast-talking mechanical whiz in the comedy My Cousin Vinny. Tomei was the upset winner in

a field that included far more experienced performers — three from Britain, Joan Plowright (Enchanted April), Vanessa Redgrave (Howards End) and Miranda Richardson (Damage), and one from Australia, Judy Davis (Husbands And Wives).

Gene Hackman won his first Oscar in 22 years, taking the Best Supporting Actor Award for his portrayal of a sheriff gone bad in Unforgiven. He last won an Oscar for Best Actor in the 1971 blockbuster The French Connec-

Though he originally turned down the role as the sadistic lawman Little Bill, Eastwood convinced the 63-year-old actor he was perfect for the part in the

Warner Bros. film. With the announcement of the Supporting Actor prize, one of



plot twist. Jaye Davidson had been nominated for Best Supporting Actor for playing the beautiful and sexually enigmatic hairdres-ser Dil in the film set in Northern Ireland and London.

Indochine, the French film about France's crumbling colonial empire in South East Asia that starred Catherine Deneuve, won the Oscar for Best Foreign Film. Neil Jordan took top honours

for Best Original Screenplay for the the Crying Game, a \$4 million film that has set box-office records for an independent produc-

Colombia Picture's A Few Good Men, a big-hudget movie that has struck gold at the box office, was shut out in its quest



U.S. actor Clint Eastwood holds up his two Oscars at the 65th Annual Academy Awards. Eastwood won for Best Director and Best Picture for Unforgiven (AFP photo)

for Oscar gold. It had four nominations, including best picture, but failed to win a single "I thought we had a chance," Director Rob Reiner told a local station. "But it didn't turn out that way."



U.S. actor Gene Hackman (left) and U.S. actress Marisa Tomei pose with their Oscars shortly after being respectively awarded for Best Supporting

Actor and Best Supporting Actress. Hackman won for his role in Unforgiven and Tomei for My Cousin Vinny (AFP photo)

#### Airliner makes emergency landing for childbirth

NICOSIA (AP) — A British Airways Boeing 747 made emergency stop in Larnaca Tues-day when a baby boy made an early entry into the world, the Cyprus News Agency reported.
The agency said BA Flight 126, en route from Kuwait to London, landed in Larnaca at 4:50 a.m. (0150 GMT) after 31-year-old Roudayna Al Kadeeb, who was 8 months pregnant, went into labour. She was rushed to the hospital and delivered a healthy baby weighing 3 kilos (6.6 pounds), the agency said. The boy is eligible for Cypriot citizenship, the news agency noted. It said his mother is of Palestinian origin.

#### Going up in world's fastest lift

TOKYO (R) — A Japanese company said Tuesday it has developed a lift that will operate at speeds of 810 metres (2,660 feet) a minute, making it the fastest skyscraper elevator in the world. The lift is designed for a new generation of huildings up to 500 metres (1,64) feet) high that could spring up in Japan over the next decade or so, a spokesman for electrical company Hitachi Ltd. said. These will need fast lifts so passengers do not get bored on long rides and Hitachi hopes to sell 100 to 200 of them over the next decade. The world's 4 fastest elevator is in a South African coal mine and operates at up to 1,096 metres a minute. The fastest used in a building are the 600 metre (2,000 foot) a minute lifts in the 240-metre (790-foot) sunshine 60 building in Tokyo, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

#### Number of Japanese elderly hits post-war peak

TOKYO (R) - Japan's population is growing at its slowest rate since World War II and the number of elderly people has hit a post-war peak, government estimates showed. The number of Jápanese on Oct. 1, 1992, stood at an estimated 124,450,000, up just 0.33 per cent from the previous year, the Management and Coordination Agency said Tuesday. Japanese aged 65 or over made up 13 per cent of the under-14s slipped to the lowest, recorded level of 17 per cent underlining the rapid greying of Japanese society. Japanese men numbered about 61 million against 63.3 million women, the figures showed. Among cities. Tokyo's conglation totalled nearly 12 million and the second largest city, Osaka, had 8.7 million. Economists are concerned about the effects of the rapidly ageing population on economic growth and an already serious labour shortage. According to a recent study by the Japan Medical Association (JMA), more than one in four Japanese will be over 65 by the year 2025, making the nation the world's greyest society. The projected 27 per cent of Japanese who will be over 65 by 2025 compares with 23 per cent for Germany, 20 per cent for the United States and 19 per cent for Britain, United Nations statistics

#### Farrow likens life with Allen to Gaslight

NEW YORK (R) — Actress Mia Farrow testified that her estranged lover, Woody Allen, often twisted the facts when the two were having problems in their relationship, prompting her to begin secretly taping their conversations. In her third day on the stand at a child custody hearing. Farrow said she started making the recordings last August in re-sponse to his denials that he had. sexually abused their seven-yearold adopted daughter. "It was like the movie Gaslight," she said. In that 1939 film, a woman is driven mad by her older huse band, who alters their surroundings and tells her the problem is

#### in her mind. Year without day off 'not overwork'

TOKYO (R) — Japan's Labour Office ruled that a middle-aged supermarket attendant who died of a haemorrhage after working. 360 days in a row was not a victim of 'karoshi', or death from overwork. Kyodo News Service. quoted officials of the Tsurumi Labour Standards Inspection Office in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, as saying the 43-year-old man was not sick seven days before his death, as specified by the law, and therefore his family was not entitled to compensation under the Karoshi scheme.



U.S. actor Al Pacino (right) poses with British actress Emma Thompson after winning respectively the Oscars for Best Actor and Best Actress. Pacino won for his performance in Scent ()f A Woman and Thompson for Howards End (AFP photo)